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Otsego District Library recently wrapped up its Summer Reading program, with three lucky participants being awarding the top three prizes. Those winners were (from left) Vivia (first place of $300 Meijer gift card), Emma (second place with $200 Meijer gift card) and Wesley (third place with $100 Meijer gift card). (Photo provided)

Otsego Library summer program sees record participation

The Otsego District Library's Summer Reading Program was deemed a huge success by ODL assistant director/program coordinator Diane DeVries.

"Patrons embraced the theme--Color Our World—which showcased the creativity and artistic spirit of the Otsego community," DeVries said. "All summer long, the library was filled with vibrant artwork, engaging activities, and plenty of color."

This year, the library saw record-breaking participation.

A total of 1,245 participants—940 kids and 305 teens—signed up for the reading challenge. Of that group, 852 (627 kids and 225 teens) successfully completing it.

The library also experienced its highest-ever attendance at Summer Reading events.

The most popular programs were the kick-off event, which welcomed 448 attendees, and the foam party, which drew 266 participants.

"The Otsego Fire Department made the foam party extra special by spraying a mist over the crowd—an experience many patrons hope becomes an annual event," DeVries said.

But it wasn't just those events that made the program special

"Every day, the library buzzed with energy thanks to interactive art projects and dynamic programming," DeVries said. "This summer was truly one of the best in the library's history."

DeVries said she and the entire library staff offered their heartfelt thanks to Meijer of Plainwell for a generous $1,000 grant that helped provide grand prizes, additional giveaways, and program supplies.

Also contributing to the success of this year's summer program were:

* Arby's (free shake coupon)
* Culver's (free custard scoop)
* Dairy Freeze (free cone coupon)
* Pizza Hut (free personal pan pizza)
* Otsego Library Friends of the Library (free book for all finishers)
* All of the Otsego downtown businesses and community centers that participated in the "Felix Colors Otsego" scavenger hunt.

Nearly 700 children take part in Ransom summer program

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Ransom District Library assistant director Erin Marsh knows how busy the summer months are for children and their families.

That's why she was beyond excited that nearly 700 children signed up to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program, which had a theme of "Color Your World." Of those participants, 300 reached their goal of reading at least five books.

"In other words, 43 percent of the children who started made it to their goal," Marsh said. "In a world where family, friends, sports, summer fun, streaming and internet all compete for a child's attention, I think this is an outstanding result.

"I am very proud of the kids in the Plainwell community for this accomplishment."

According to March, many of the children opted to read more than five books, with additional prizes being earned for every five books read.

"We tracked the initial goal by giving kids a hexagonal-shaped card and inviting them to decorate it with their name and colorful stickers," Marsh said. "We then placed it on the front wall in the lobby."

Participants in Ransom Library's Summer Reading Program were able to decorate hexagonal-shaped cards, which were put together in an exhibit. (Photo provided)

The use of the hexagonal-shaped cards was based on an artist named Yayoi Kusama, who has created dynamic exhibits she calls "Obliteration Rooms." In these exhibits, visitors add stickers to a plain white room and transformed it with color.

"I was very pleased with the outcome of the summer reading program," Marsh said.

With the theme of "Color Your World," there was no shortage of programming ideas, according to Marsh.

"'Color Your World' was such a rich theme to work with," she said. "Highlights included the messy art days we held for younger children and teens separately. Paint was flung with catapults that we created in our Design Lab, paint-filled balloons were popped, and kids also had the opportunity to paint with squeegees and fly swatters.

"No one went home clean, but everyone went home knowing that they had had fun creating freely."

Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary's presentation was also a big hit, as was the visit by the Sigma Wild Animal Conservation.

This visit included a first for Ransom, as a skunk—with scent glands removed—graced the library for the first time. They also brought a milk snake.

"Their talk about how animals use color was very interesting," Marsh said.

Teens also enjoyed a tie-dyeing event, as they embellished their clothing and attended an after-hours game night.

Marsh was quick to thank Plainwell Community Schools art teacher Laura Strader for the use of some student artwork to brighten the library.

Other thank-yous went to Plainwell Ice Cream for donating free ice cream cones to children who finished their goal and to the team of volunteers who helped support the many events and activities the library hosted.

"Plainwell Family Coach Kelli Stuifbergen, in particular, lent her helping hands to me many times over the summer," Marsh said. "I'd like to give a shout out to her."

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Allegan County Transportation celebrates 25 years of service

By Gari Voss

Allegan County Transportation (ACT) celebrated 25 years of service to Allegan County on Fri., Aug. 8, 2025. Present were county commissioners, representatives from Lansing and Washington, DC, employees, and the public. ACT was given a 25 Years of Service award and a Legislative Tribute award. Photo: courtesy of ACT

Allegan County established Allegan County Transportation (ACT) in 2000. Since that time, the service has become a vital resource for rural and urban communities by offering a safe, affordable, accessible option to those who are transportation dependent. On Friday, August 8, 2025, Allegan County celebrated the 25th anniversary of ACT with a host of guests from all levels of federal, state, and county government plus the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

"Celebrating 25 years of service is an exciting milestone for Allegan County, and I'm proud to be part of this journey," stated Whitney Ehresman, Transportation Director. "Over the past quarter-century, we've had the privilege of connecting people, supporting families, and helping our community thrive through reliable transportation. It's been an honor to lead the department for the past three years, and I'm excited to continue building on the foundation of service and commitment we've established."

With Program Coordinator Stacy Todd as Master of Ceremonies, the festivities began with Gale Dugan, Chair of the County Board of Commissioners, greeting guests then introducing County Administrator Rob Sarro. Administrator Sarro introduced Deputy Administrator Dan Wedge who gave a brief history of the transportation program from 1999 to 2025. Wedge was able to recognize the partnerships that made ACT possible since day one.

The program transited to John Dulmes, President of the Michigan Public Transit Association, in addition to Jean Ruestman, Administrator for the MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation. Ruestman presented Allegan County with a 25 Years of Service award. Dulmes presented Allegan County with a Legislative Tribute award. The awards were accepted by Whitney Ehresman, current Transportation Director, on behalf of the county.

In addition to the speakers, Commissioner Mark DeYoung attended the event, as well as representatives from several local organizations and nearby transit agencies. Abby Klomparens, West Michigan Regional Coordinator for Senator Gary Peters office, was in attendance, as was Lexi Willison, District Director for Rep. Bill Huizenga's office.

Prior to the event, the ACT staff recognized team members who had been with ACT since day one. Melissa Miller, Bus Driver; Ashley Thomson, Administrative Assistant; Dave Kortman, Fleet Mechanic; and Dan Wedge, the founding director, shared stories and memories from the early days of ACT. It was not always a smooth road, but they kept listening and driving and making adjustments.

Director Ehresman took time to share some vital information with those assembled. Ehresman has been director for the last three years.

"Public transit isn't just about getting from point A to point B — it's about connection, opportunity, and community. When we invest in better ways to get around, we're investing in people — and in the quality of life we all share," stated Ehresman emphatically.

"In July alone, Allegan County Transportation (ACT) provided 5,116 rides across the county. Of those, 190 were delivered by our incredible team of volunteers, who generously give their time to support our Senior Transportation Program. We're especially proud to report that overall bus ridership is up 53% compared to this time last year — clear evidence that our efforts are making a real impact.

"Every ride we provide represents someone's need — a treatment that can't be delayed, a recovery that can't be paused, a new life-changing job opportunity. Our drivers and dispatchers are there through snow, through storms, and on holidays."

Ehresman reminded the group that public transportation plays a vital role in the local economy because work-related travel is the top priority for riders. Add to that the Senior Transportation Program that assists older adults in keeping active, independent, and connected to their communities.

"Thanks to Service Initiatives grant funding from the State of Michigan, we launched the Via Mobility platform in 2024," explained Ehresman. "This modern scheduling technology, along with strong public support through the Tax Limit Restoration, helped us grow from around 300 active monthly riders to more than 500.

"Since launching the new technology in March of last year, we've seen steady growth, with 75 to 125 new rider accounts created each month. In total, more than 1,800 individuals have taken at least one ride with us since launch. I'm also excited to share that our rider App has reached 1,000 downloads, and we're now exploring new fare payment options to make the rider experience even better. We continue to give information sessions to groups and individuals when requested."

Saturday and evening travel has grown in popularity. This will be an area of concentration in the near future. To continue growing, the transportation department is exploring microtransit opportunities to better serve the communities.

Ehresman concluded, "For 25 years, public transportation has been a lifeline in Allegan County — helping people get to work, school, medical appointments, and more. As we look toward the future, we're building on that strong foundation with the same values that guide our county's vision: providing excellent service, using resources wisely, and helping create a cleaner, safer, and healthier place for all of us to live, work, and play."

Tornado Run raises $3200

Allegan Eagles and Allegan Riders annual Tornado run raised $3200 to be shared between Allegan Food Pantry and Wishbone. Photos by Katie Burch

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Agencies assists groups, individuals in planting gardens

By Gari Voss

The garden beds in the Allegan Conservation District Pollinator Garden at the corner of Trowbridge and Cedar Streets were built by the Allegan Boy Scouts and planted by members of the Allegan Food Alliance. Contact the Alliance at https://alleganfoodalliance.com/ to learn about caring for the garden and harvesting. Photo: Mary Colborn

Gardens are being established across Allegan County thanks to the networking of Health Departments, Allegan Conservation District, and the Allegan Food Alliance. The vision is to assist individuals, families and groups in becoming less reliant on a food supply system that has concerns due to high prices and over processing.

The Health Departments have been leaders in helping residents learn how to develop healthy eating habits, and high quality food and food preparation are keys to attaining this goal. The Allegan Conservation District is another well-known entity, especially in the agricultural industry. Both groups have been watchdogs for clean water and safe food production.

The newbie on the block is the Allegan Food Alliance. They describe themselves as "a team of farmers and foodies, nutritionists, and scientists" who have united to develop "a resilient, thriving, local food economy in Allegan." In order to provide food access for all, the group knew it would have to cultivate connections within Allegan County by nurturing learning, creating, and healing.

Over the last several years, the founding individuals have concentrated on connecting all stakeholders associated with the food system. It begins with connecting farmers and vegetable gardeners with consumers in the homes, schools and food establishments plus connecting consumers to each other.

Along with building awareness between stakeholders, the Alliance members began gathering information and resources that could be shared. For a number of years, a founding member had been collecting coffee grounds from Mugshots to produce better compost for her garden. Other gardeners around Allegan were collecting leaves and other debris to enrich their gardens. Creating compost can be the beginning of creating a healthy food system.

Through the gathering of information and resources, the stakeholders began sharing ideas amongst themselves and with others across Allegan County. One of the sharing opportunities was designing a Seed Fair. The Fair was scheduled for one day with workshops, a seed exchange, and a nutritious meal with a film. For the last two years, the Fair has occurred in the spring at the Allegan District Library.

What evolved from the Seed Fair was Seed Libraries. Thousands of packages of seeds were organized so they could be set up in community libraries. Anyone could come to a library and select the seeds they wished to plant in their home gardens. Another offshoot of the sharing was identifying and applying for grants that could begin the transformation into a healthier, stronger and more resilient food system for everyone.

Even though the Alliance was making headway in educating others about gardening and creating a sustainable food system, they knew it was imperative to begin to model sustainable gardening to groups in Allegan County communities. Thanks to a partnership between the Ottawa and Allegan County Health Departments, $5,000 in building materials was awarded to the Alliance to establish raised beds at Grand Ravine Senior Housing and Douglas Cove Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

Tammy March-Vispi designed the raised containers then she and Mary Colborn began collecting materials. They decided that cedar lumber would create the most sustainable boxes. Working with Legg Lumber in Allegan and Menards, the wood and hardware along with some tools were purchased. The first structures were installed at Grand Ravine. This past week, the duo was able to install new structures at Douglas Cove.

The raised gardens constructed by the Allegan Food Alliance thanks to funding from the Ottawa and Allegan Health Departments sit around the perimeter of the patio of the community center at Grand Ravine Senior Housing in Allegan. The Alliance hopes to establish more gardens around the county to move Allegan County to become more food resilient. Photo: Mary Colborn

Even though the funds and building came later in the summer than hoped, the Allegan Food Alliance will assist the facilities with planting vegetables that can be harvested this year. This will give the residents some fresh produce to share and use in individual or group kitchens. By spring, the beds will be ready for an earlier planting.

Along with utilizing grant funds to start gardens at locations around the county, the Alliance has begun working with the Allegan Conservation District and the Boy Scouts in the garden at the corner of Trowbridge and Cedar Streets in Allegan. The Conservation District did a major overhaul of the area over the last two summers to create a Pollinator Garden by clearing away old plants, cultivating the soil, and planting native plants. The Boy Scouts built raised bed planters along the east side of the garden. The Alliance added high quality soil and planted a variety of vegetables.

At this time, the senior centers will learn more about improving their gardens and using their produce. The Pollinator Garden has vegetables that can be picked and used in local kitchens. More locations are being sought to establish gardens.

In addition, the Alliance hopes that more people will utilize the opportunities to purchase food from the local Farmers Market and/or local farmers that offer you pick or ready pick produce. This is definitely the time to take advantage of fresh food.

Youth groups, young people and others interested in learning how to build raised gardens are welcome to come and assist. They can even learn about creating fertile soils and planting seeds, harvesting, and canning or preserving food.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Allegan Food Alliance or in volunteering to create or maintain a garden can visit their website at https://alleganfoodalliance.com/. To donate to the nonprofit, they have created a Give Butter account at https://givebutter.com/wateringtheseeds.

The Allegan Food Alliance will continue exploring ways to improve the connection of locally produced food to food pantries, schools, senior care centers, and the community at large. They are looking forward to sharing news about surveys, upcoming projects, outreach efforts, and what MSU's Center for Regional Food Systems calls their "big, hairy, audacious goal" of building a food hub in Allegan County.

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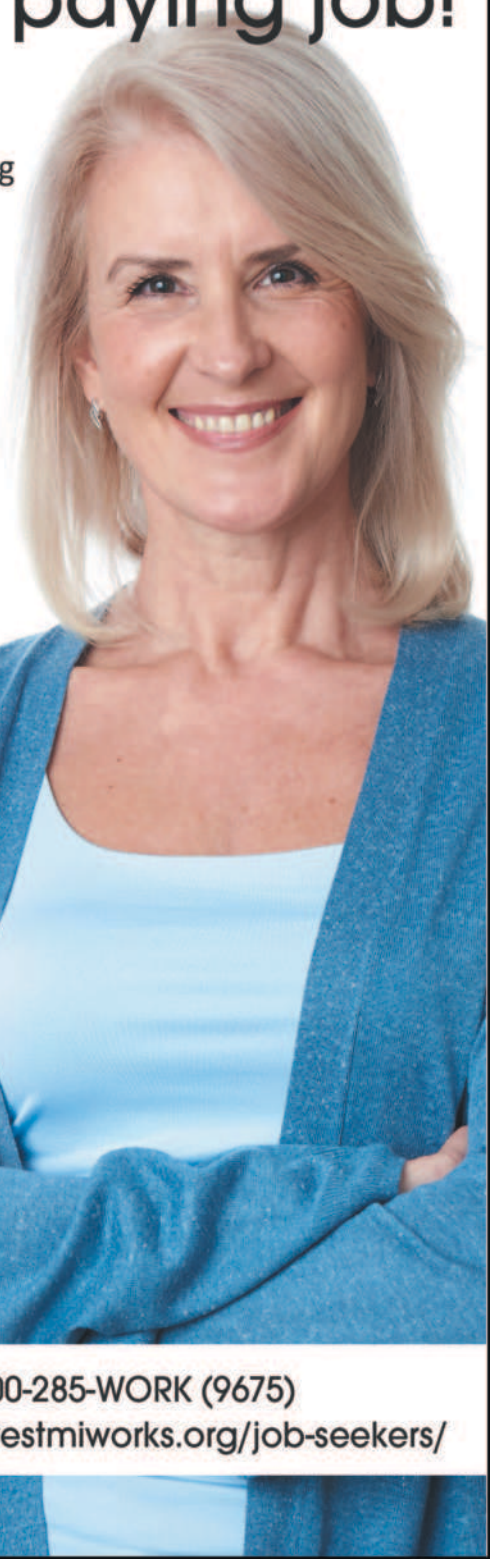

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Community Calendar - Week of August 18, 2025

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Thurs., Aug. 21, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Genna & Jesse
City 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
Fri., Aug. 22, 2025, 5-7pm: 4th Friday in Fennville
Celebrate the Fennville community.
Fri., Aug. 22, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – The Fat Animals
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St.
Sat., Aug. 23, 2025: Allegan Fire District 7am-11:30: Pancake Breakfast / 11am – 6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner
Allegan Fire Station 300 Monroe St. Allegan
Sat., Aug. 23, 2025, 5pm: Retro Birthday Party
Allegan Eagles 2315 110 Chestnut St. Allegan
Sat., Aug. 23, 2025, 7pm: Music at Mahan – Lighting Matches
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Mon., Aug. 25, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Last opportunity to find your favorite food

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Aug 20, 2025, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz
Tantrick Brewery Hubbard St. Allegan
Gather a team, library cards and join the fun.

Wed., Aug. 20, 2025, 6-8pm: Ugly Brush
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn to use the Ugly Brush for directional strokes, building dark into lights, bringing depth to your piece. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Wed., Aug. 20, 2025: Bike Nights
Wayland Downtown Wayland
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Thurs., Aug. 21, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Parking Lot on Water and Cutler Streets
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Thurs., Aug. 21, 2025, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
3-5 year old can enjoy stories and activities.

Thurs., Aug. 21, 2025, 1-3pm: Palette Knife
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Carve out a painting with palette knife and a summer color palette on an 11x14 canvas. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Thurs., Aug. 21, 2025, 5pm: Third Thirsty Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
The Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes all businesses to network during "Happy Hour".

Thurs., Aug. 21, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Genna & Jesse
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Fri., Aug. 22, 2025, 5-7pm: 4th Friday in Fennville
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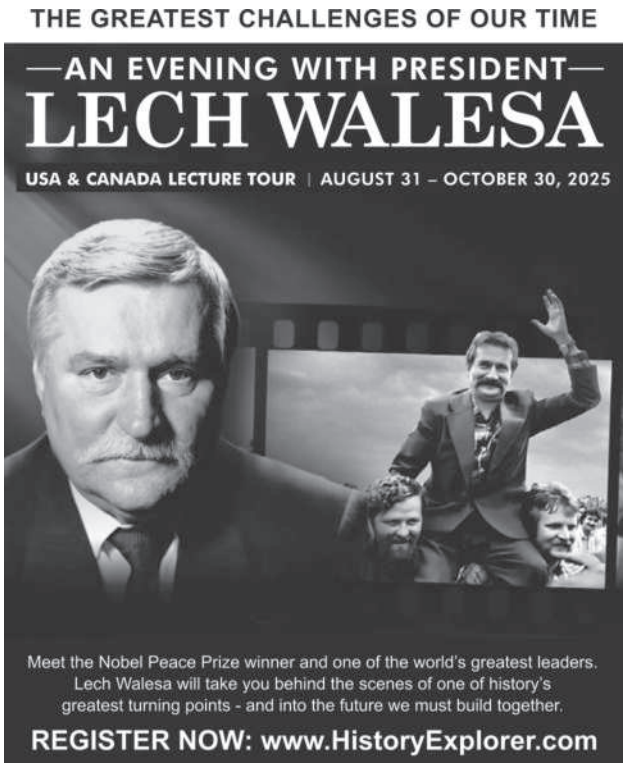
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Fri., Aug. 22, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – The Fat Animals
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Sat., Aug. 23, 2025: Allegan Fire District 7am-11:30: Pancake Breakfast / 11am – 6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner
Allegan Fire Station 300 Monroe St. Allegan
Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes and drinks.
Dinner includes Meat or No Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Small Salad and drinks.
The cost is a donation to the Allegan Firefighters Association.

Sat., Aug. 23, 2025, 11am-1pm: Door Mats
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Have some fun creating a custom door mat! Materials are provided for 6. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Sat., Aug. 23, 2025, 5pm: Retro Birthday Party
Allegan Eagles 2315 110 Chestnut St. Allegan
Dress for the 70s Retro Party. Steve Hitchcock will grill chicken & fixins. Dysfunctional Entertainment spins tunes, and Karaoke starts at 7pm.

Sat., Aug. 23, 2025, 7pm: Music at Mahan – Lighting Matches
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy great alternative-country.

Mon., Aug. 25, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Craft & Snack – Bring a craft and enjoy a snack and conversation.
6pm: Bingo – Bring the family and play Bingo.

Mon., Aug. 25, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Last opportunity to find your favorite food!

Mon., Aug. 25, 2025, 6-8pm: Poverty + The Church
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Wed., Aug. 27, 6-8pm & Thurs., Aug. 28, 2025, 1-3pm: Hand Painted Journals
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Thurs., Aug. 28 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class Registration
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Thurs., Aug. 28, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Peter Madcat Ruth's CARMa Quartet
City Square Park 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
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Fri., Aug. 29, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Cowboy Angels
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
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Sat., Aug. 30, 2025, 1pm: Lake Allegan Boar Parade
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Sat., Aug. 30, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – The Williams Family
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
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Sun., Aug. 31, 2025, 8am-4pm: Allegan Antiques Market
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Thurs., Sept. 4, 2025, 6pm: Composting 101 Workshop
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
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Mon., Sept. 8, 2025: Register for Anchors Away! Cruise
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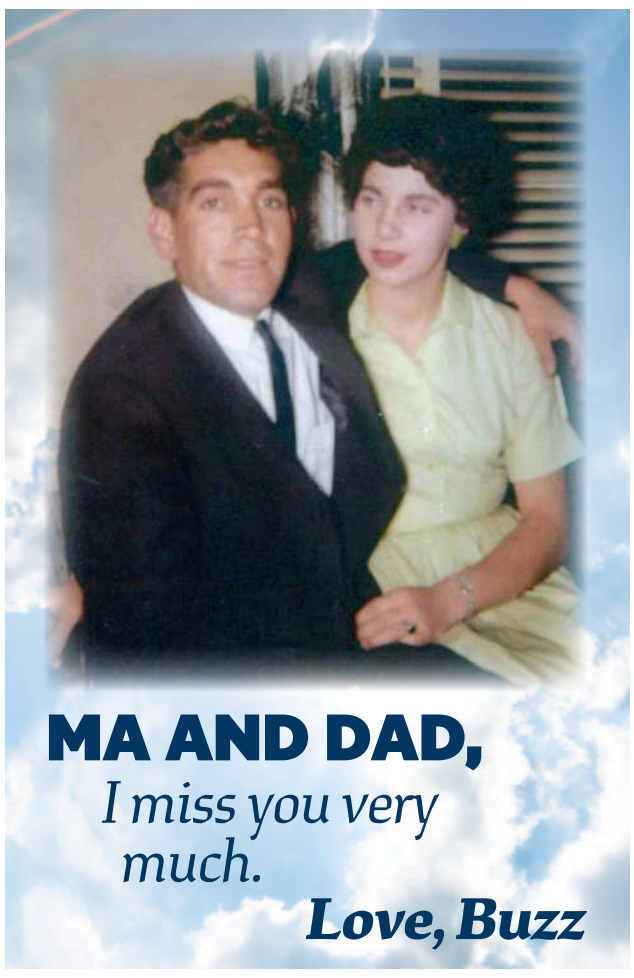

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Why So Many Michiganders Under 30 Can't Afford a House

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

The dream of homeownership, once a clear stepping stone into adulthood, now feels like a mirage for many Michiganders under 30. Despite living in a state often touted for its affordability, structural barriers have erased much of the margin that once gave younger buyers a fighting chance.

Believe it or not, Michigan home prices are on the rise. As of July 2025, the median home price in the state is $292,600, up 5.6% year-over-year according to Redfin. In 2022, the state's median home value stood at $224,400, a 50% increase since 2012.

Meanwhile, wage growth hasn't kept pace. Michigan's median household income hovers around $50,800, with a per-capita income of about $27,550. That stark disparity means that housing becomes less affordable over time, especially for younger adults who are just beginning their financial journeys.

What's striking to me is that in the 1950's homeownership for those 30 and under stood at nearly 50%. But now that percentage has sunk below 30 percent.

I remember buying my first home at 25. I didn't have a large income but managed to weasel a small downpayment from my savings, and made it happen. After all it made more sense to buy a home than pay rent, especially when the monthly mortgage payment was below my previous rent payment.

But that was then, and now times have changed. The gap between wages and housing has increased dramatically. Combine that with the current high mortgage interest rates and unless you are a tech millionaire, housing is unaffordable for the 30 and under crowd.

For instance, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, a full-time worker would need to earn $24.46 per hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market rental, which is nearly double the state's minimum wage of $12.48. That forces minimum wage workers to take on nearly 78 hours per week of work just to cover rent. Mind you we are talking about rent; home ownership would be an even bigger hurdle.

In counties that Wilcox Newspapers serves nearly half of homes were built before 1970. Even if you have the downpayment and can afford the monthly mortgage, buyers face steep renovation and maintenance costs—even if the sticker price is relatively low (around $153,500. These hidden expenses make many affordable-looking houses financially precarious for low-income or first-time buyers.

Young adults often carry student loan debt, have limited savings, and don't benefit from generational wealth transfers. Though some older homeowners benefit from historically low mortgage rates or inherited equity, these advantages seldom extend to those under 30 unless they're exceptionally fortunate.

In summary for Michiganders under 30, the dream of owning a home is being squeezed from both ends: rising prices on one side and stagnant incomes, debt, and unaffordable rent on the other. Even in areas with lower cost burdens, the structural hurdles—debt, savings, credit histories, lack of inherited equity—leave many young people locked out.

What needs to be done:

Stronger affordable housing policies and down payment assistance.

Higher minimum wages aligned with the real cost of living.

Incentives to convert aging housing stock into livable, affordable homes.

Programs to help young adults build credit, savings, and equity. Although I list this last, it is the most important. Many young adults have not had to endure a Civics class in high school therefore know little about building credit and saving money.

Without bold, targeted action, the American Dream in Michigan and the U.S. risks becoming a fading myth for the under-30 crowd.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

Life as Performance Art:
Joan Anderson
G C Stoppel

Joan Anderson died on the 14th of July this year at the age of 101. I suspect her name is hardly familiar anymore, but she was perhaps the greatest social influencer in the western world in the late 1950s and well beyond.

Mrs. Anderson was a native of Australia, and at Christmastime in 1956, she flew home to visit the Olds and friends. She was amused at watching the fun children were having with a simple bamboo hoop. It took just a few minutes to learn how to position it in the right area on their torso, and then jiggle their hips to make it twirl, and it appeared to be a fun form of exercise. Although there were no set rules, the longer a person could make it twirl, the better. Simple as that, and from there they made up their own rules. Whole groups of youngsters were twirling the hoop on playgrounds and parks, and it was the proverbial hot ticket item for Christmas presents.

When Mrs. Anderson returned home to California, she told her family about The Hoop, and her husband suggest she ask her family back home to send her one or two. Let us just say that when it arrived, the local letter carrier was not amused, and thought it was a waste of good money to have it shipped. This being the mid-1950s, he added it might even be some sort of communist plot to take over America. This was the era when people feared there were commies hiding under every bid, and suspicious of anything 'furren.'

The Andersons thought otherwise, as did their four children. The children spent hours perfecting the twirl and sometimes allowed a friend to play with it. Then, one day, someone said the gyrations looked like Hawaiian hula dancers, thus the name, the Hula Hoop.

As luck would have it, father Wayne had a good friend, Spud Melin, who was the co-owner of a toy company called Wham-O. The previous year they had brought out the must have Christmas present of 1955 - the Frisbee. Now they were looking for a new item. The Andersons demonstrated the hoop to Melin, and he liked it. A gentleman's agreement, sealed with nothing more than a handshake, cemented the business deal. Wham-O would manufacture and market the toy, with the Andersons sharing in the royalties.

The timing could not have been better. Only a few weeks earlier Elvis Presley had been a guest on the highly popular Ed Sullivan Show, but the executives were horrified at how he gyrated his hips at his stage shows. Nor did they like his nickname, "Elvis the Pelvis." They thought it was salacious, suggestive, and not fit for prime-time audiences. The camera angle was set so as to not show his famous move. Young people, objecting to the network censorship, bought so many Hula Hoops that Wham-O was working overtime to keep up with production.

Within six months, some 30 million Hula Hoops had been sold, retailing at $1.98, each, What kept the sales surging upward was that people learned if twirling one hoop was a good idea, twirling more at the same time was even better. Spuds hinted that using a Hula Hoop was part of a youthful rebellion against the olds, right along with rock and roll music, comic books, biker gangs, and slang. That made it even more popular.

During the afternoon game shows and soap operas, Spuds advertised the hoop to the housewife audience, touting how it would burn calories and create a more enticing "silhouette".

All was not pure happiness. It seems that Spuds and Wham-O stiffed the Andersons. They smelled a rat when they were not allowed to see any of the company's financial records, and Spuds became distant. The couple were more or less written out of the story and did not seem the promised checks. Melin took all the credit for discovering the hoop, development, and marketing. The Andersons sued, and when the judge rapped his gavel and all the legal fees were paid, they received about $6000. Not surprisingly, the Andersons never spoke to their former friend again.

Their big mistake was trusting a close friend when money was involved. Mr. Anderson said later that they should have committed everything on paper and had retained rights to the patent. That is a good lesson for all of us: even with friends, get it in writing. And family - more so!

Fortunately, neither of the Andersons were bitter about it, and the experience did not dictate the rest of their life. Believing that happiness is success is the best revenge, the Andersons 'stuck it' to their former friend who was not enjoying much happiness despite all of his money.

As for Spud Melin and Wham-O, they went on to invent, develop and market a number of very successful low-priced toys that were popular with children. They continued bring out new items over the next couple of decades until the company was bought out by Mattel, and it was sold by a succession of companies over the years. It is now owned by a Chinese conglomerate.

Mr. Anderson died at age 87, and one day his daughter was talking with a friend about her family and the true story of Hula Hoop. A woman sitting at a nearby table, Lois Hill, was eavesdropping on their conversation and went over to introduce herself. She said that she made independent films, and instinctively knew there was a story in the family saga. The saga became a ten-minute short documentary, Hula Girl, which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2018. If you would like to see the film, it can be found on You Tube.

Fortunately, Joan Anderson, then 97 years old, was able and willing to attend the premier. She spoke about the early days of the Hula Hoop and brought along her original bamboo toy. To the delight of the crowd, she demonstrated her skills and earned a standing ovation.

As the late Paul Harvey would say on his radio program, "And now you know the rest of the story."

Your day has been enriched by this bit of trivia. For however long it took you to read these thousand words, you were not thinking about the economy, politics, or anything else that was unpleasant.

You can thank me later.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Corrections to the Flood Article

Hello Readers and thank you, Editor, for the space.

Last edition I submitted an article titled "High school gymnasium plans temporarily under water" featured under the cock-fighting story and I made a couple of mistakes. The Superintendent of Allegan Public Schools was not reachable for comment, but he did interview with press that were featured on Wood TV Channel 8 as a video and a written article online.

For the sake of not leaving any readers with misinformation I would like to clarify the following based on the words of Mister Antoine himself thanks to a seriously talented Reporter Josh Sanchez: someone who saw or even read my article. That's pretty cool!

First: I reported that the wooden planks being used as the top layer of wood for the floor, shown bundled on the front page, were Pine. I was wrong, the wood was in fact Maple, and I would like to shout out my friend RJ Chamberlain who knows a lot about wood and who taught me why pine planks would not be a good material for a basketball court.

The tenured leader at Wolverine Hardwoods said, "While pine may be a little cheaper than a low-grade maple, maple holds up better. And it doesn't move as much as pine does with shrinkage, etc.". What he's talking about is wood's tendency to fluctuate size due to temperature and humidity. As a hardwood, maple is much more tolerant to these environmental changes than pine, so it is a much better option for a floor that will be used for sports.

The second fact I got wrong is how the water entered the gymnasium. There was nothing wrong with the joist, it was a storm drain that broke and caused all of the water to drain inside causing the damage to the floor. The storm drain is where all of the water is intentionally directed to in rainstorms, so you can imagine just how much water was coming in.

When the Wood TV story was posted on the 14th, we also learned that there was potentially mold behind the bleachers. I think that's a test the school ought to follow up with and let us know about it before we're letting our kids spend hours in there playing sports while we're sitting on those bleachers. Yuck!

Readers, thank you very much for your time. Since you made it this far, I would also like to acknowledge that I lost my job because I wrote that article. I was an employee of KRESA and, while I was unable to find this policy on my own, violated their media policy po9120 because of the photo of the demolition in the last edition found on that edition's page A12 and was terminated.

It isn't what I would consider a proportionate response, but I was a probationary employee, so I understand. It hurts, but I'll be fine, and really I'll have less restrictions locally. Hopefully you will read more from me in future editions and that you all are interested in what I have to offer!

Have a great week and stay hydrated!

Devon Frazee

Riverfront groups cooperated with each other

Dear Mr. Wilcox and all,

I would like to thank everyone who attends the concerts at Mahan Park. To help everyone who experiences controversy regarding diversified groups and festivals on the waterfront (and there were several on the day of the Pride Festival), I can assure you that the leadership of both groups communicated throughout the evening. Before The Whateverly Brothers began their concert, I spoke with the members to see if the music from the main stage was disruptive. They replied with a definite "no".

I then walked over to the Riverfront Stage and spoke with the leadership of Allegan Out Loud, since the Pride Festival had begun at 6pm. I introduced myself to Eddie Walker, who was the point person for the event. My intention was to be able to have a positive relationship with him so that if there was a problem, we could work it out.

My intention was to make sure they understood that our organization, the Allegan Chapter of Kazoo Folklife, had no problem with the Pride Festival, and we felt they had as much right to enjoy their festival as we had the right to have a concert. This is the fourth year that we have shared the Riverfront with Allegan Out Loud, and we feel that the Pride Festival is a solid event.

During the evening, Mr. Will Walker checked in at Mahan Park a couple times to make sure that all was still going well. Our audience was enjoying the music of the Whateverly Brother trio, and they were not concerned with having other music in the area. In truth, there are other events on the Riverfront that have bands going simultaneously at Mahan Park and on the Riverfront Stage.

These musicians are professionals and have played at all types of venues. Some venues have multiple groups in the area. Some have audiences that move around and converse throughout performances. Sharing the Riverfront did not phase the trio.

The Music at Mahan concerts have been great this year and have brought visitors to Allegan. I would like to give a special thank you to our sponsors because they ensure that these concerts continue. I hope that concert attenders do business with these sponsors: The Delano Foundation, The City of Allegan, The Allegan County News/ Wilcox News, Waanders Concrete, C-com, Kinard Financial, Rapa Electric, Tibbits Financial Consulting, Sherwood's Cove, Allegan Eye Care, Village Market, and Bartz-Rumery Agency.

I would also like to thank Eddie and Will Walker for staying in communication through the evening of August 3rd. There was absolutely no problem having two events with a band at each stage, and people were enjoying an evening of entertainment. It is a good thing when two groups can work together for the betterment of the community. I so appreciated their willingness to work together if a problem developed with either of our concerts, but there were no problems brought to our attention. This tells our surrounding communities that Allegan is a welcoming town, respects diversity and all people, their traditions and beliefs.

On another matter, I want to thank Landria Johnson, the owner of the Sassy Olive store, for helping out with the musicians on Monday evenings during Fork in the Road. The heat has been difficult, and the entertainers have ended up on her sidewalk where there is shade. Much appreciated, Landria!

Leah Ward, President of K'zoo Folklife Organization/Allegan

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Letters to the editor

Trump got nothing out of meeting with Putin

Editor,

One of the many myths Trump hypes about himself is his supposed skills as a savvy negotiator.

In reality this myth mainly rests on his dealings with opponents who are weak enough to succumb to his predilection for bullying them into submission and nothing else.

Last Friday in Alaska we got to see what happens when he meets an opponent who is light years smarter and tougher.

In tallying the score so far, what did Putin get?

1. A return from his international pariah status with a meeting on the world stage in a venue he wanted (Alaska, a former Russian territory) with the Cherry-on-Top red carpet and a USAF fly-over.

2. A One-on-One meeting with a president uninterrupted by other two major players in the conflict - Ukraine and Europe.

3. Avoiding having to sign on to a cease fire prior to negotiations while currently advancing on the battlefield.

4. And, so far, avoiding any increase in punitive sanctions.

And, what did Trump get?

This is a question world diplomats are still trying to answer.

What DID happen to those punitive sanctions that Trump threatened if nothing was accomplished?

Was it just another TACO (Trump Always Chickens Out) moment, like with the tariffs?

Experienced negotiators know that flexibility is a vital component of a negotiation.

Just bending over is not the same thing.

David Ohmart

Our Democracy is falling apart ...

To the editor:

Our American Democracy - our freedoms and legal processes are collapsing. Would you have thought our government would send heavily armed, masked "police" into crowds of brown skinned people, place them in detention centers, and ship them to foreign country prisons with ruthless regimens? Our convicted felon president believes he has such power. Of course he does not - 250 years of Democratic rule, has given us freedoms and prosperity unequalled in modern history.

"But Democratic government is fragile". Our founders, understood this and we've been warned.

An immoral leader, devoid of compassion, empathy, and infused with hatred, insecurity and use of threat, has rendered his own party feckless and impotent, afraid even to speak against the most flagrant violations of decency. He thus has no counterbalance against his own worst instincts. Further, this leader has drawn into his inner circle, persons with equal, maybe greater, character flaws (look, they jump out at you).

The comparison to Hitler is applicable here.

Our President has "flooded the zone" with hundreds of executive orders - many illegal, racist, and gratuitously vicious - demanding immediate action, knowing our legal process cannot keep up. In private life, he filed thousands of law suits, knowing the opposing party would not want to deal with his frivolous suits.

But with his remarkable progress in breaking our institutions; congress, higher education, social services and justice, one must conclude that our democratic system, imperfect as it is, would be replaced by an autocratic one, with him as supreme ruler. It's past time for the people to speak up as these institutions must have strong public support.

In his Big Beautiful Bill his (feckless) party has given him $150 billion for national security. This is a stupendous pile of money, exceeding the budget of several military branches. Why? He wants Federal control and enforcement of all policing. He's already taken federal control, or is attempting to, of border areas, the District of Columbia, and U.S. cities.

Our land "of the people, by the people, for the people" has a chance to right the ship of state. Other democratic nations, in recent years have rejected autocrats.

You've heard this before …. but worth repeating. Benjamin Franklin explained to a questioner asking "what kind of government have we made?" Franklin replied, "a Democracy, if you can keep it." It's our choice.

Jim and Linda Kauppi
Allegan

Obituary

Hazel Dodge, 88

Hazel Dodge

Hazel Dodge, age 88, passed away peacefully at Centrica Rose Arbor Hospice on August 16, 2025. She was born August 25, 1936, in Ishpeming, MI, to the late Theodore and Blanche Sharkey as the oldest of 9 children.

Hazel attended Gwinn Schools and graduated in 1953. In 1955 she married Dwayne "Hank" Enos and together brought into the world a son in 1957 and twin girls in 1960. Three years later the couple divorced. Hank passed away in November 1974.

In the 60's and 70's she worked at Northern Michigan University as a secretary to the Dean of Students.

During this time, she met the love of her life and in June 1971, she married Kenneth Dodge of Marquette.

Shortly after the family packed up and moved to Otsego where she accepted a job at Parker Hannifin. A decade or so later, after the kids left the nest, she and Ken moved to Jackson where they worked for the Department of Natural Resources until retirement.

She loved to travel with family and friends. She spent many vacations with her husband in the New England area going to dog trials, eating lobster and watching whales. They also enjoyed spending Februarys in Alabama with her sister Eileen's family shopping and attending Mardi Gras festivals and made yearly trips to the U.P. to visit family and friends. The trip of a lifetime was with a group from Jackson to Germany and Austria during Octoberfest.

Her hobbies were cooking, listening to music, collecting antiques, quilting, walking, crossword puzzles and reading books and magazines. She always looked forward to meeting her friends for breakfast, lunches and shopping.

Hazel is survived by one son, Dwane (Pam) Enos of Parchment, daughters, Sue (Ray) Hoyt of Otsego and Terri Enos of Allegan; grandsons, Josh and Chris; great-grandchildren, Caleb and Dakota; sister, Eileen (Joe) Hodges of Irvington, AL, brother, Art Sharkey of Little Lake; brothers-in-law, Carl Dodge of Cleveland, OH, Tom Gauthier and Eric Kohl both of Little Lake; sister-in-law, Mary Sharkey along with many nieces and nephews. Preceding in death besides her parents and husband in 2019, are four brothers, Ted, Bill, David and Ray Sharkey, two sisters, Betsy Gauthier and Kathy Kohl all of Little Lake and in laws, Thelma and Larry Dodge and Elinor and Tom Eberhardt and their daughter, Sally.

Special thanks go out to the staff of U of M Ann Arbor Oncology Dept, Borgess Cancer and Hematology Center Drake Road and Centrica Rose Arbor Hospice for making her passing peaceful.

According to her wishes cremation has taken place. Friends may visit with Hazel's family starting at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at the Martin United Methodist Church, until the time of the memorial service at 11:00 A.M., with Pastor Maggie Stoken officiating. Private family burial of ashes will take place at a later time at Mountain Home Cemetery in Otsego.

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New $2.3 million taxiway construction kicks-off

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — The past week was busy at West Michigan Regional Airport, with the start of construction for $2.3 million north taxi lane project and the annual Wings of Mercy fundraiser celebrating National Aviation Day, former county commissioner James Storey said. "The taxi lane project will provide additional opportunities for new hangers on the north side of the airport; it will be adjacent to the airport's business center.

Dean Kapenga

The project is financed by a mixture of federal, state, and local funds, typically on a 90, 5, 5 percent, federal, state, local cost-sharing basis.

"The project is on a 61-day construction completion schedule, with completion slated in mid-late October."

Aviation Day on Saturday saw more than a dozen aircraft and numerous exhibitors support the annual Wings of Mercy fundraiser headlined by a 5k runway run walk and a pancake breakfast. Airplane rides were offered by local pilots and the Young Eagles. Exhibitors included the Allegan County Sheriff's dive team.

Remembering Dean Kapenga

A year ago this month Allegan County unexpectantly lost one of its sterling public servants. "First as a sheriff's deputy and then as a long serving county commissioner and former board chair, Dean Kapenga served unselfishly. He is missed," Storey said.

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

Every day seems to bring new stories of tragedies around the world. Do you think we are losing our sense of empathy for others?

-Woman at a farm stand on M-89: "Probably. I mean, it's in the news every night - floods, fires, Gaza, Ukraine. You see it all the time, and after a while it's sort of the same old same old. We lose our sense of compassion that way."

-Man: Same location; "After a while I get tired of these sob stories. You take those folks over in Gaza. They started it when they killed people and took hostages. And now, they're crying how bad they got it. Come on. Grow up."

-Couple near the Fennville hardware store: Man: "Charity begins at home. That's what I say." Woman looks at him in shock and asks, "How can you say that? That is mean!" He goes inside, she turns to me and said quietly, "I'm sure he doesn't mean it. He was just trying to goad you."

-Woman near the Allegan Public Library: "I get sick watching the news anymore. There is so much bad stuff. I can't take it."

-Man near the Huntington Bank: "I'll tell you what makes it all worse. It's these politicians and others who always say, our thoughts and prayers are with' - then you fill in the blank. Thoughts and prayers. That's just meaningless talk. My granddaughter calls it 'virtue signaling.' Saying the right thing but it means diddly."

-Older man near Minnie's, "Yeah, maybe we aren't as caring as we once were, but back when my parents were young, they got the weekly paper. It was local news. And yeah, sometimes some of it was bad - an accident, a shooting, something like that. And then you throw in the obituary column. But now the news is from around the world."

-Woman, same location: "If you want my take on it, it all changed with Covid. People died but we couldn't say goodbye or go to their funeral. That made them into a statistic, and I think we've forgotten how to mourn or suffer with those who are suffering."

Allegan County Sheriff's Office

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Events, activities dominate past Allegan weekend

By Gari Voss

AP Dailey News. Photo: Jim Kauppi

The Weekend of August 15-17, 2025, really began on Wednesday, August 13th with the Fiber Festival class, began accelerating on Thursday, August 14th as the Allegan County Community Foundation celebrated their non-profit volunteers and Fennville enjoyed music by Josh Rose & the Founding Fathers. The weekend gained speed Friday night, August 15th, with Rollin' on the River and the final Glow in the Dark Disc Golf in Allegan while Wayland held their Movie in the Park. The hot days went completely wild on August 16th with the Back to School Breakfast at Brookside Farms, the 25th Anniversary of Hungry for Christ in Hamilton, the Family Fun Days at the Grill House, and Music at Mahan in the evening. Sunday, August 17th began to slow a bit as the Fiber Festival held its final shows, classes and demonstrations then The Grill House brought the weekend to a close with the conclusion of the Family Fun Days. The calendar indicates that school will begin soon… but Labor Day brings the Allegan County Fair, and it is off to the races all over again!

Many thanks can be given to the organizers of there festivals, celebrations, and weekly events. The ensure that individuals, families and friends can enjoy the Michigan summers around Allegan County.

Fiber Festival continues to draw crafters and artisans

The 2025 Fiber Festival at the Allegan County Fairgrounds survived the warm weather from Wednesday, August 13 – Sunday, August 17, 2025. Classes began on Wednesday and Thursday, and a full complement was shared through Sunday with the public invited to watch and shop Friday-Sunday. Individuals and small groups did demonstrations on a variety of techniques and machines. Animals were judged as was their fleece. Those in attendance were delighted with some of the new offerings.

Diane Wheatley, a school counselor, came from the other side of the state. "I have been coming for many years to take classes. I learn so much and feel energized each time." (FYI: Diane also always makes a stop at Brookside Farm on M-222 to stock up with fruit and vegetables.)

ACCF Volunteer Celebration filled the Gathering

Each year the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) invites the volunteers from the many non-profits in Allegan County to celebrate their achievements at The Gathering. This year more than three times the number from previous years came for lunch and to give their organization a shout out.

Rollin' on the River hosted the Nathan Moore Affair

The Nathan Moore Affair brought music to the Allegan Riverfront on Fri., Aug 15, 2025. As Assistant City Manager Parker Johnson explained, Rollin' on the River has become an opportunity for people to gather, listen to music, and relax at the end of a busy week. A glance around Riverfront Park would find small groups friends chatting, kids on the Perrigo Splash Pad, lines for ice cream up on Brady or snow cones from Kona Ice or drinks from Tantrick Brewing or other places in the Allegan Social District.

Brookside Farms bridges the seasons with a Back to School Festival

Brookside farms, a local blueberry farm with three locations in Allegan and Van Buren Counties, marked the end of summer with a fun-filled festival this past weekend. Their festival drew in families and friends out to enjoy the final days of the summer before local schools return to session. The Martin/Otsego location originally planned a free movie night to end their evening, but the event pivoted to an inflatable water slide due to the high heat index - an instant hit with kids! Their Paw Paw location embraced the change and also offered a waterslide for families to enjoy. The movie night will be rescheduled sometime this fall.

Both the Martin/Otsego and Paw Paw locations hosted a delicious pancake breakfast, and all farm locations featured a selection of fresh-baked goods, fan favorites included their blueberry donuts and famous blueberry crumb muffins. With temperatures soaring, ice cream and smoothies were a top treat!

To celebrate the late-season blueberry varieties, they offered a special U-Pick deal on their blueberries, along with having U-Pick raspberries open. That surely added to the excitement of the day! Their Gobles location is still going strong with blueberry picking for those looking to stock up before the season wraps up.

The Brookside staff wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out and made the festival a sweet success. They are grateful for their customers' continued support! They look forward to continuing to see you through the rest of the blueberry season and welcoming all things fall as the season changes. Save the date for their Fall Festival at the Martin/Otsego location, Saturday September 20th 9am-6pm. Watch their Facebook and website for upcoming details.

Hungry for Christ celebrates 25 years

The grounds around the Hungry for Christ Warehouse filled with food tents, games and music on Sat., Aug. 16, 2025. It has been 25 years since the decision was made to feed those who were in need. Since its humble beginnings, Hungry for Christ has become the backbone for many of the food pantries and feeding stations in Allegan County and beyond.

Music at Mahan brings Saturday to a toe tappin' close

AP Dailey News brought Sat., Aug. 16, 2025, to a peaceful close though the music kept toes tapping and audience members singing under their breaths to familiar songs. Music at Mahan concerts, formerly Good Times at the Gazebo, covers varied genres of music that can be enjoyed by all ages. The terraced lawn and added seating around the new performance area give it an amphitheater feeling. The concerts are organized by the Allegan Chapter of Kazoo Folklife and sponsored by businesses around Allegan.

Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025, brought the close to an extremely busy weekend around Allegan. Saturday brought the Evans Family to the stage while Sunday of The Grill House's Family Fun Days found Kevin and Jerry on stage with a blow-up obstacle course in the background and audience members enjoying their meals on the gliders or drinks under the pavilion. Special meals for adults and children were offered both days.

Nancy Jones and Sue Neuman were in the group of demonstrators who welcomed visitors to Fiber Festival 2025 at the Allegan County Fairgrounds. Using a 100 year old P. T. Legare Circular Sock Maker, Jones explained how she could now make a sock in about an hour rather than a couple weeks. Neuman holds a short sock that she is finishing by sewing the toe seam. Photo: G. Voss

When Bernie Fritz and her husband George are the head of pancake making, visitors to the Brookside Farm U-Pick know they will get a great breakfast. It was a hot Sat., Aug. 16, 2025, but after a wonderful breakfast to celebrate Back to School, the kids headed to the waterslide and lunch from the Army Dog food truck. Photos: Sara DeHaan

The first-ever Bulldog Bash Community Tailgate included a hot dog dinner and various games. The event served as an opportunity for new Otsego Public Schools superintendent Christie Robinson to meet students and families. (Photos provided)

OPS kicks off school year with Bulldog Bash Tailgate

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

New Otsego Public Schools superintendent Christie Robinson—who began her duties with the district on July 1—wanted a way to meet students and families in the community.

She was able to do that through the first-ever Bulldog Bash Community Tailgate, which took place Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Bulldog Stadium.

"It was nice to meet many families and little ones from the district," Robinson said. "The positive energy and anticipation of the school year was heartwarming."

The evening featured a hot dog dinner and various games.

"Many families wanted to welcome me to the bulldog family and share their excitement for the new year," Robinson said.

The event served as a kickoff to the 2025-26 school year, which began at OPS on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

As she enters her first year in the district, Robinson is looking forward to continuing to meet more students and families.

"I'm excited to learn more about the district and how we can continue to build on the foundation," she said. "I look forward to building relationships with staff and students."

Robinson envisions the Bulldog Bash becoming an annual event.

"The community shows such pride and love for their school," she said. "This was our first annual Bash, and I anticipate the celebration of our return to campus will grow every year."

Otsego HS freshmen get sneak peek during orientation

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

There were still five days until the 2025-26 school year officially kicked off for students who attend Otsego Public Schools.

But on Thursday, Aug. 14, incoming freshmen got a sneak peek at Otsego High School as the district hosted an orientation to help make the transition from middle school as smooth as possible.

The hour-and-a-half orientation began with some general information about the high school before students had the opportunity to eat a lunch of Bosco sticks and various choices of sides.

The freshmen then started the fun with the end in mind. They got in line from shortest to tallest—being timed to see how quickly they could do it—just like they will for graduation in nearly four years.

Otsego High School principal Thomas Reed and other OHS staff members were on hand to answer questions, with upperclassmen serving as student leaders.

These student leaders played games with the freshmen and took them on a scavenger hunt as a fun way to tour their new home for the next four years.

Incoming OHS freshmen were timed to see how long it took them to get in line from tallest to shortest. (Photo provided)

In addition, the freshmen had the opportunity to try their lockers and pick up their Chromebooks if they hadn't already done so.

The day ended with the freshmen learning how to participate in the yell-off for assemblies—"Blue and Gold, Fight Fight!"

Also last week, sixth graders had the chance to visit their new home at Otsego Middle School.

In addition to receiving their schedules, the sixth graders also had photos taken, toured the school, learned about ways to get involved, tried their locker, ate lunch and participated in various team-building activities and character lessons.

More than 30 older middle schoolers help out as student leaders.

OPS held its first day on Tuesday, Aug. 19, with students also back in class on Wednesday, Aug. 20, and Thursday, Aug. 21, before being off on Friday, Aug. 22.

Incoming freshmen tried their locker combinations during OHS freshmen orientation. (Photo provided)

Classes will also be held Monday, Aug. 25, through Thursday, Aug. 28, before a four-day weekend for Labor Day.

The district's first full, five-day week will begin on Monday, Sept. 8.

Village Market Food Centers to be acquired by Harding's

By Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

In late June, major news broke when SpartanNash announced their sale to a New Hampshire grocery conglomerate. As a Byron Center-based wholesaler for independent grocers and the owner of the Our Family and Family Fare brands, everyone knew that the acquisition would usher in a new era of change in the Southwest Michigan grocery scene.

Now, less than two months later, shoppers in Allegan, Colon, Decatur, and Gobles can expect another change. Harding's Friendly Markets has entered into a tentative agreement to acquire all four of the Village Market Food Centers. Neither chain has made an official announcement yet, but rumors have been stirring, and Wilcox Newspapers was able to corroborate them with some very close sources.

Currently, the four Village Markets are owned by Murk Management out of South Haven, who also own three Village Xpress gas stations and a car wash in South Haven. It is unknown who will keep these after the acquisition.

Harding's Friendly Markets was founded by Mel Harding in 1944 and is headquartered in Plainwell. The group operates an independent chain of 28 grocery stores in cities across southwest Michigan and northern Indiana, including Bangor, Kalamazoo, Hartford, Plainwell, Schoolcraft, Three Rivers, and Wayland.

When news of the acquisition was leaked to the Allegan County Informed Facebook group, many Village Market shoppers expressed a desire to see lower prices and updates to the store. Since both chains are SpartanNash/Our Family affiliates, prices are unlikely to change much. However, Harding's has been working to update the company's stores. In a 2024 interview with Food Chain Magazine, company president Tim Harding had this to say on the topic, "In terms of improving our current portfolio, we are adding between three thousand and five thousand square feet to one of our locations, as well as providing updates as required in terms of modernized equipment and facelifts. We tend to average two or three stores a year undergoing this process."

With no official announcement, the exact date of the changeover is unknown. Many shoppers have already reported seeing Harding's influence in the Allegan and Decatur stores, though, and multiple sources point to the actual transition happening around October 1.

When asked for comment, both Murk Management and Harding's Markets refused to say anything but did state that more information would be released in the near future.

SUMMARY

Otsego Township
August 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Winn.

Members Present: Winn, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander, Gudith, Moll, Burns

Members Absent: Bumgart.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approved Minutes from the July 14th regular meeting.

Approved bills in the amount of $149,213.38.

Adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Submitted by:
Jen Colin, Otsego Township Clerk.

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By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLEGAN

Sullivan Garvin stands out on a football field … and just about everywhere else.

It's hard not to when you check in at 6-foot-5 and 300 pounds.

A senior lineman for Allegan, Garvin will continue his gridiron career at Notre Dame next season after committing to the Fighting Irish last December. But before he moves on to South Bend, he has some unfinished business to tend to with the Tigers.

"We really stepped up our offseason workouts," Garvin said. "We've had guys showing up and a lot of people have bought into things over the summer, like going to camps.

"Everybody's bought into the program, and we want to make a playoff run."

A playoff appearance would be the first for the Tigers since 2010, during Tony Danzig's first stint as head coach in Allegan.

Danzig—who coached the Tigers from 2006 to 2013 before returning to the sidelines in 2021—knows having Garvin on the field will help Allegan's chances of returning to the postseason.

"We're blessed to have Sully," Danzig said. "This is the first time in my 37 years as a coach I've seen a kid like this. They just don't come around very often.

"With him up front, we're going to impose our will. "We're going to run the football like when I was back (as an assistant coach) at (Portage) Northern."

While Garvin is the star of the line, he obviously won't be a one-man show.

Junior Levi Creguer, senior Ares Ratulowski and senior Aiden Moyer return with experience on the line. Newcomers such as senior Riley Williams, junior Max DeGrow, senior Tyler Thomas and sophomore Dean McCullum also hope to make an impact.

"We have a big offensive line, which will be our calling card," Danzig said.

Junior Landon Geddes—also a standout on the baseball diamond—returns as the starting quarterback.

The Tigers did lose the services of Quinton Edwards Jr. and Jeremiah Edwards-Tate on offense after the pair transferred to West Ottawa, but Danzig is confident others will step up to fill that void.

"The strength will be up front, and we'll run the football to setup our play action pass in keeping people honest," Danzig said. "That's what we have to do and that's our plan."

Danzig also knows he has a weapon in Myles Jackson.

A sophomore kicker, Jackson has been connecting on field goals of 50-plus yards in practice. Creguer will serve as the long snapper.

"We have a great kicker and holder, which adds another dimension to our ability to put points on the board," Danzig said.

Also returning for Allegan are junior Bradyn Kosiorowski (tight end/defensive end), junior Trenton Jameson (tight end/defensive end/quarterback), junior Hauk Henrickson (fullback/linebacker), junior Brody McDade (receiver/running back/defensive back), senior Hayden McAlpine (receiver/defensive back) and Karde Brown (receiver/defensive back).

"Our approach to the 2025 season is week by week and day by day," Danzig said. "We are not looking past anyone. Our goal is to put in the work every day."

FENNVILLE

For the record, Fennville posted a 3-6 record last year.

But it wasn't wins and losses that mattered most to Fennville coach Wendell Hughes. Rather, it was the fact that the team played a full nine-game schedule after the 2023 campaign was suspended with five games remaining due to a lack of healthy players.

Fennville's JV team also played its full schedule last year, meaning the program played all 18 games.

"Sometimes you have to take one step back in order to take two forward," Hughes said. "We're ready to take our two steps after taking the step back (in 2023. It's a great day to be a Blackhawk."

A group of nine returning seniors spearheads the charge for the Blackhawks, who open the season by hosting Lawrence on Thursday, Aug. 28.

"This senior group is hungry and poised for a good season," Hughes said. "Most of our players are entering their third season in our program. They have bought in and put in the work during the offseason and throughout the summer."

That list of seniors includes Carter Thompson (quarterback/linebacker), Jayden Sneller (guard/defensive end), Trinity Solis (fullback/linebacker), Ely Schutt (receiver/defensive back), Zach Onken (center/nose guard), Ethan Rosencrans (fullback/defensive end), Isiah Souders-Beltran (receiver/linebacker), Ashton Halcomb (wing back/safety) and Gabe Sauceda (lineman).

"I believe with the work these seniors have put in, their seed has been sewn and they're ready to reap their reward," Hughes said.

Newcomers Zay Peoples (wing back/defensive back) and Gavin Kempker (receiver/defensive back) add even more senior leadership to the roster

"Leadership and depth are our strengths this year," Hughes said. "The growth and maturity of our team greatly benefit our understanding and speed of our play.

"With 12 seniors—nine of them returning—we will be a senior led team. Seven of our offensive starters will be seniors and our defense will have six senior starters."

Juniors Ashton Senters (guard/defensive end), Omar Martinez (offensive lineman/nose guard) and Isreal Arredondo (lineman) also played at the varsity level a year ago.

"Health is always a concern," Hughes said. "As long as we are able to stay healthy, we will have a good season."

Allegan's Sully Garvin (74) returns for his senior year with the Tigers after committing to Notre Dame. (File photo)

Hughes believes Northpointe Christian and Bridgman will be the top teams in conference play. Not that the Blackhawks are conceding anything to any team.

"I believe we're primed to be in the mix as well," Hughes said.

HOPKINS

In 2023, Hopkins saw its streak of five straight playoff appearances snapped after going 2-7.

But the Vikings found their way back to the postseason a year ago, starting the season 6-1 before dropping its final three contests—including a district opener against Catholic Central—to finish at 6-4.

If Hopkins is to make the playoffs again this season, then the Vikings will need to make up for the loss of seven starters on offensive.

Hopkins coach Cody Francis, for one, believes his team has the potential to do just that.

"We're really excited about the upcoming season," said Francis, who enters his 15th season at the helm in Hopkins with a career record of 82-55. "This group has put in a tremendous amount of work in the offseason, both in the weight room and on the field.

"We've got a strong mix of returning players who bring leadership and experience, and some younger guys who are stepping up and showing a lot of potential."

The group of returning players includes the trio of Jaxson Koperski (offensive lineman/linebacker), Blake Hyma (lineman) and Austin Schaendorf (running back/defensive back).

Juniors Justin VanWagner (running back/linebacker), Noah Opolski (lineman) and Merek Zapolnik (quarterback/linebacker) are among the other key returners.

Seniors Brayden Harnish, Colin Gibson (lineman) and Cruz Hitzler (running back/defensive back) head up the group of newcomers. Juniors Braydon Smigiel (running back/defensive back), Blake Schwartz (running back/linebacker) and Cameron DeHaan (lineman) are also part of that mix.

"Our expectations are to play fast, disciplined and physical football every week," Francis said. "If we continue to grow together and stay focused on the details, we believe we can compete at a high level and achieve our goals this season."

Hopkins opens the season with a road game against Fremont on Thursday, Aug. 28. The Vikings open the home portion of the season a week later, when they host Parchment for Military/Veteran Appreciation Night on Friday, Sept. 5.

MARTIN

After winning back-to-back 8-Player Division 1 state championships, Martin fell short of another title last year as the Clippers suffered a tough loss to Mendon in the regional finals.

Peyton Schuring Harris—a 6-3, 270-pound tight end and defensive tackle—could only watch, as he was forced to sit out the season after transferring to the district.

As a senior this year, though, he's ready to make an impact as Martin strives to secure a third state title in four years.

"Peyton is a player that we haven't had in many years," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said. "He's big and can move with speed. He is our strongest kid, squatting and deadlifting 500-plus pounds, and he's going to dominate the line of scrimmage.

"Sitting out last year was a journey that required a lot of patience and commitment, but now he's ready to go."

Also ready to go is fellow senior Haylen Buell, who moves under center to replace the graduated Gavin Meyers.

As a running back the past three years, Buell has punished opposing defenses with his tough, downhill running style that has resulted in a lot of yards and touchdowns.

"Haylen has gotten a good number of reps at the position over his three years, but this year the offense will run through him," Blauvelt said. "Haylen is more of a downhill runner and has a phenomenal arm. He reminds me of JR Hildebrand from 2022 (state title) team."

Six other seniors return for Martin: Bryer Watson (slot/cornerback), Ben Romero (center/kicker), James Gruber (lineman), Anderson Keeler (tight end/linebacker), Weson Elkins (slot/defensive back) and Jackson Kennedy (tight end/lineman).

"This team reminds me of the 2022 team, with the large number of seniors," Blauvelt said. "We have a lot of experience, with many of these kids having played in at least one if not two state championships.

"We also know what it's like to get beat, with the loss to Mendon still fresh in our minds. We have a good amount of talent. It really comes down to how fast we can become a team and how healthy we can stay."

Junior Seth Toris (running back/linebacker) is also back.

Among the top newcomers who is expected to contribute is Buell's younger brother, freshman Zaiden Buell. Like his older sibling, Zaiden Buell also plays quarterback.

"Zaiden is very good and expected to follow in brother's footsteps," Blauvelt said.

Mani Smit (receiver/defensive back) and Chase DeGlopper (lineman) are among the other freshmen on the roster.

"We have some very talented freshman," Buell said. "If they can help us out by the end of the season, we will have good depth at all positions."

And while Blauvelt is excited to see what the freshmen and the rest of the team can do offensively, he is equally enthusiastic about the defensive side of the ball.

"On defense, this is the fastest team we've had," he said. "Our backend players can get from sideline to sideline. Pair that with the depth at the defensive line and it is a dangerous combination. Our goal is to be physical and not allow teams to see the end zone."

OTSEGO

After starting the 2024 season at 0-5, Otsego bounced back to win three of its final four games, including a 17-7 road victory over Three Rivers to close out the year.

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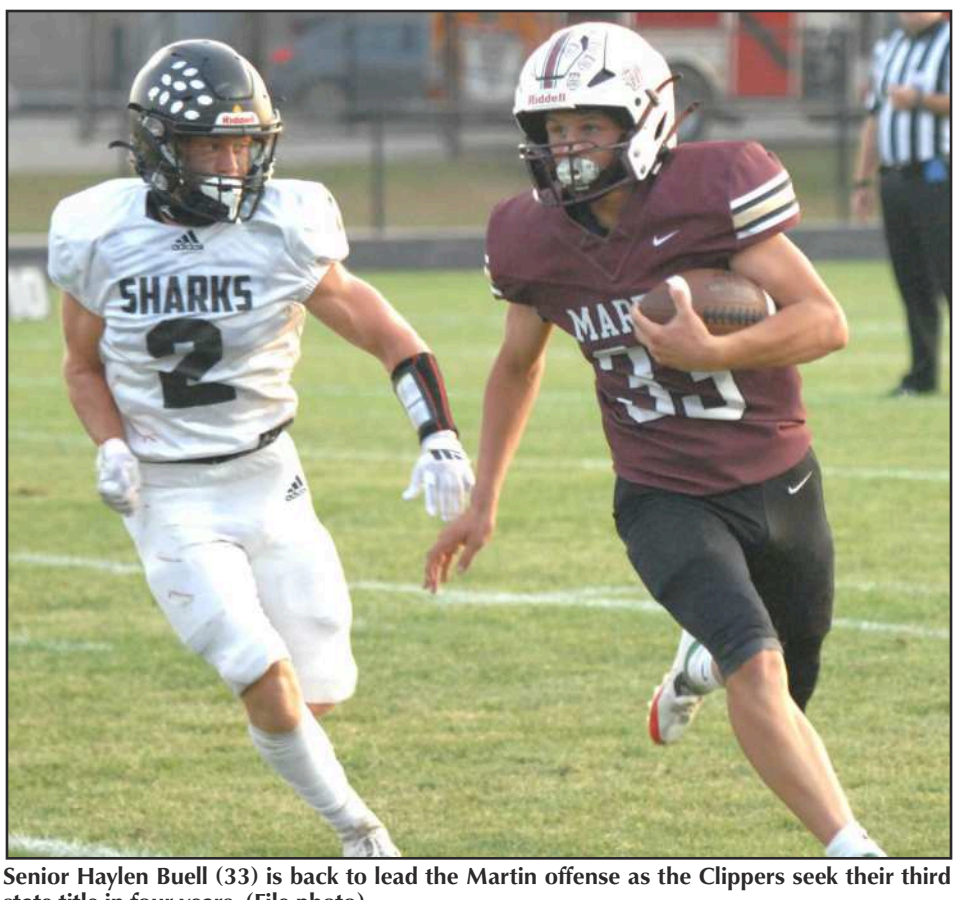

Senior Haylen Buell (33) is back to lead the Martin offense as the Clippers seek their third state title in four years. (File photo)

Otsego girls golf opens season with record-setting effort

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GOBLES—Talk about starting the season on a high note.

Hosting the Shamrock Invitational at Shamrock Hills Golf Club on Friday, Aug. 15, the Otsego girls golf team posted a team score of 357 to tie Harper Creek for top honors.

The Bulldogs officially took second place, as Harper Creek won the tiebreaker based on the score of each team's fifth golfer.

But neither Otsego coach Michael Miller nor his players were overly upset about the runner-up finish, as the team score represented the best 18-hole finish in school history by six strokes.

Plainwell was also among the eight teams in the field, with the Trojans placing third at 385.

St. Joseph (fourth at 406), South Haven (fifth at 407), Vicksburg (sixth at 410), Zeeland East (seventh at 413) and Dowagiac (eighth at 417) followed.

Annika Quakenbush paced Otsego with an 82, which was second best among individuals behind Harper Creek's Haley Willi at 77.

Avery Selent and Malania Miller joined Quakenbush in the top 10, with Selent third at 86 and Miller sixth at 90.

Alissa Holmes was Otsego's final scoring golfer, placing 17th at 99.

Madden Fitzpatrick (43rd at 119), Channing Dobbs (50th at 129), Mila Garrett (53rd at 143) and Sara McCaw (55th at 150) also competed for the Bulldogs.

Emma Rayman secured a top-10 finish for Plainwell, carding a 90 to place sixth.

Sam Labonte (12th at 96), Harper Johnson (17th at 99) and Avery Powell (19th at 100) were the other scoring golfers for Plainwell. Lillian Youngs (36th at 115), Katherine Jepsen (36th at 115), Alison Taylor (41st at 118) and Sawyer Johnson (49th at 126) also competed.

The Otsego girls golf team set a school record with an 18-hole total of 357 at the Shamrock Invitational. (Photo provided)

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Second-year Otsego coach Damien Ross hopes to carry that momentum into this season. The return of 14 seniors should help that cause.

"We're looking to play our best every play and finish games strong," said Ross, who spent a year as an assistant coach before taking over as head coach last season. "Our motto is, 'Only your best is required. After that, just let it be. Let the coaches handle the rest. Give your best on this play and then if something goes sideways, we'll figure it out for you. Play your best the next play.

"If we do that, I feel like we got enough."

Running back/linebacker Kole Engleright headlines the list of returning seniors after rushing for 944 yards in 2024, including a 266-yard effort with five touchdowns against rival Plainwell.

"He's a power back and he's a strong, powerful runner," Ross said. "He's a power runner with breakaway speed and running back is most natural position now. I'd be disappointed if he didn't have a minimum of 1,000 yards rushing this year."

Senior Kaleb Hildebrand returns at quarterback and will be tasked with running the offense. He'll also see time at defensive back.

Senior Alex Robbins will anchor an offensive (and defensive) line that also includes classmates Logan Brinkhuis, Owen Gauthier, Caleb Koenig and Rowen McKinley.

Senior Lane Blanchard will also get some carries on offense in addition to leading the defense from his linebacker position. Other returning seniors include Colin Fitzpatrick (tight end/defensive lineman), Chris Weirck (receiver/defensive back) and Jaxon Ray (receiver/defensive back).

Junior Zeke Andria is expected to make an impact at receiver and defensive back after starting as a sophomore a year ago.

"We have a lot of game experience on this team," Ross said. "That should definitely help us."

The Bulldogs are in search of their first winning season since and first playoff appearance since 2019, when they went 6-4.

In addition to making it back to the postseason, Ross and his players are hoping to claim the first playoff victory in school history.

Otsego opens the season with non-conference contests against Battle Creek Pennfield (away on Thursday, Aug. 28) and Berrien Springs (home on Friday, Sept. 5) before hosting Three Rivers for the Wolverine Conference opener on Friday, Sept. 12.

"Niles is the defending champion in the conference, and until someone unseats them they'll remain the team to beat," Ross said. "For us, we want to finish in the top half of the league. But we have to take that one week at a time."

PLAINWELL

The season is new.

The goals remain the same for Plainwell, according to coach Brian Huberty.

"Our goals are always the same: focus on getting better every day, compete in everything we do and be good teammates," said Huberty, who is entering his third season at the helm in Plainwell after a stint in Parchment.

The return of 11 seniors from last year's squad should help the Trojans in their effort to achieve those goals, as they strive to improve upon a 1-8 showing.

Included in that group is Luke Filkins, who is back to reclaim his starting job under center.

Also in that group are Brady Aernie (lineman), Grant Comer (lineman), Brock Ernstes (lineman), Ethen Garrison (receiver/defensive back), Sawyer Lilly (offensive lineman/linebacker), Nathan Montague (lineman), Grayson Nash (tight end/defensive lineman), Drew Rayman (receiver/defensive back), Truman Summerer (tight end/linebacker) and Jacob Wright (running back/defensive back).

Juniors Aiden Beck (tight end/linebacker), Colton Jenkins (lineman), Landon Naas (quarterback/receiver/defensive back) and Davis Town (offensive lineman/linebacker) add to the team's experience after making the roster as sophomores a year ago.

Kole Engleright is expected to lead the Otsego offense this year. (File photo)

"We have a lot of return players mixed with a great junior class," Huberty said. "Add in a few new bodies from the hallways and I think we are a much-improved team from last year.

"My expectations for our team this year is to be confident every week in their abilities and teammates, to be resilient in the classroom, hallways, practice field and Friday nights. I think we are going to turn some heads this year."

Newcomers who could help include first-year seniors Gavyn Steele (receiver/defensive back), Chib Amaezechi (receiver/defensive back), Nate Launt (receiver/defensive back) and Jules Farck (receiver/defensive back).

Juniors Jaxson Bernhard, Mason Capitano and David Wooten should all help solidify the line on both sides of the ball.

And speaking of line play …

"Our line play is an area of strength and concern," Huberty said. "We can't be successful without them out-working people every Friday night.

"Our skill players on offense can present some problems for opposing teams. This might be the most put together wide receiver room I have ever had."

In the Wolverine Conference, Niles is again the top team, according to Huberty.

"Niles has to be the team to beat," he said. "Their run last year to the finals was so impressive. I believe we can compete every night. It just depends on how gritty our boys want to be."

SAUGATUCK

The 2024 season saw Saugatuck qualify for the playoffs—and win a playoff game—for the second straight season.

If the Trailblazers are to make it three postseason berths in a row, then they'll need to get some solid production from some of their younger players.

Gone due to graduation are 10 players from last year's squad, including the likes of quarterback Cass Stanberry, tight end Carter Miller, kicker Cam Lewis, fullback Chris Foley and running backs Norm Bos and Jaxon Green.

"We have a young team and we need to stay healthy in order to have success," said Bill Dunn, who enters his 23rd season at the helm in Saugatuck.

Given the overall youth of the team, it should come as no surprise that Dunn will rely heavily on this year's seniors to lead that way.

That group includes six players, led by co-captains Max Page (fullback/linebacker), Sam Bos (tight end/linebacker) and Seth Garfinkel (tackle).

"We have excellent senior leadership, and those leaders need to be play makers on both sides of the ball," said Dunn, a 2025 National High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee.

Also part of that senior contingent are Jordan Hoshor (guard/defensive end), Pete Mitchell (tight end/defensive back) and Jack Drummond (running back/defensive back).

The junior trio of Will Soule (running back/defensive back), A.J. Gosler (tackle), Mason Leslie (running back/defensive back) also return after playing at the varsity level a year ago.

Saugatuck's Max Page, seen carrying the ball last season, is one of the top offensive weapons for the Trailblazers. (File photo)

Newcomers who could make an impact include Walt Bos, who was named a co-captain and is expected to take over at quarterback for Stanberry. On defense, Walt Bos will play defensive back.

Junior kicker Dante Holley, meanwhile, hopes to fill the void left by the graduation of Lewis, who was one of the best kickers in school history. Like Lewis, Holley is also a member of the boys soccer team at Saugatuck.

"The system is our strength," Dunn said. "We will be fundamentally sound on both sides of the ball, but we need to execute to be successful and limit the mistakes.

"Special teams will be a plus again for us this year."

When looking at the SAC portion of the schedule, Dunn believes the usual suspects will once again be the teams to beat.

"Lawton and Schoolcraft have been the top teams the last few years and will be the teams to beat again this year," he said. "Our focus will be improvement each and every week and looking to get better week to week."

WAYLAND

Neither Chance Lenhart nor Eli Weaver are technically new to the varsity level, as both made the varsity roster as sophomores last year.

But both Lenhart (running back) and Weaver (tight end/receiver/defensive back) missed the vast majority of the season after being injured early in the campaign. So having them both healthy and ready to contribute should be a big boost for the Wildcats, according to coach Tim Gibson.

"We're very excited to have them both back this fall," Gibson said. "We know they can both help us quite a bit on the field."

In addition to Lenhart and Weaver, a pair of three-year starters return for Wayland in senior center Logan Hall and senior running back/defensive back Henry Maass.

Also returning are seniors Ashton Kuhlmann (offensive guard), Carter Merren (tight end/defensive end), Jacob Crater (running back/defensive back), Caleb Ellis (linebacker) and Gus Carreno (defensive lineman). Juniors Ty Ford (offensive tackle/defensive end), Jaxon Ritsema (defensive back) and Brody Dyer (defensive back/quarterback) also return.

It's a group Gibson believes has the ability to play with every team on its schedule.

"We have the potential to be a very competitive squad this fall," he said. "We have to eliminate crucial mistakes that occurred in some tight games last fall whether they occurred on offense, defense or special teams.

"Offensive efficiency will be important for us as will eliminating giving up big plays defensively. We felt in three of our losses last fall—TK, FHE and Hastings—critical mistakes prevented us from winning these games."

Wayland finished 4-5 last season, and wins in even two of those three games would have likely been enough to get the Wildcats in the playoffs.

"I believe we have a tight knit group, as they do a lot off the field with each other," Gibson said. "I am concerned a bit about our depth, so staying healthy will be important. But I do like our sophomore group and we have several who are potentially fighting for roles on the varsity."

In terms of conference play, Gibson looks at West Catholic as a top contender.

"I also liked Hamilton's lower levels last fall, and Spring Lake is very well coached and will be tough," he said.

NOTE: *No preview information was received from Hamilton prior to deadline.*

Luke Filkins is back at quarterback for Plainwell this season. (File photo)

UPCOMING EVENTS
Wing's Home - FULL
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FALL SPORTS 2025

Allegan Tigers

Varsity Tennis

08/15/25..... @ Coledonia
08/16/25.....Allegan Invite
08/18/25..... Allegan Quad
08/20/25..... Allegan Quad
08/21/25..... Allegan Quad
08/23/25.....Tiger Duals
09/27/25.....@ Brandywine
09/04/25.....vs South Haven
09/06/25.....Gary Ellis Invite
09/11/25..... @ Buchanan
09/13/25.....Allegan Invite
09/16/25..... @ Hackett Catholic
09/18/25.....vs Kzoo Christian
09/20/25.....Tiger Invite
09/23/25.....vs Bridgman

Varsity Football

08/29/25 ..... @ Plainwell
09/05/25 .....vs Delton Kellogg
09/12/25 .@ Galesburg Augusta
09/19/25 .... vs Hackett Catholic
09/26/25 ..... vs Constantine
10/03/25 ..... @ Parchment
10/10/25 .....vs Watervliet
10/17/25 .....@ South Haven
10/24/25 ..... vs Coloma

Varsity Soccer

08/18/25..... vs Coloma
08/20/25..... @ Watervliet
08/21/25 .....@ Covenant
08/25/25 ..... vs Black River
08/27/25 .....@ South Haven
09/03/25 .....vs Fennville
09/06/25 .....@Bloomingdale
09/08/25 .....@ Constantine
09/10/25.....vs Schoolcraft
09/13/25..... vs Paw Paw
09/15/25 .....@ Hackett Catholic
09/17/25.....vs Kzoo Christian
09/22/25 .....@ Delton Kellogg
09/23/25 .....@ Parchment
09/25/25 ..... @ Wayland
09/29/25 .....vs Lawton
10/02/25 ..... @ Niles
10/06/25.....vs Saugatuck

Varsity Volleyball

08/23/25..... @ Coloma
08/27/25..... vs Hackett Catholic
09/06/25.....Allegan Invite
09/09/25..... @ Martin
09/11/25..... @ Constantine
09/16/25..... @ Fennville
09/18/25..... @ Gobles
09/23/25.....vs South Haven
09/25/25..... vs Black River
09/30/25..... vs Bridgman
10/02/25.....vs Kzoo Christian
10/04/25.....@ Bloomingdale
10/07/25..... @ Watervliet
10/11/25..... @ Comstock
10/14/25..... @ Coloma
10/16/25..... @ Saugatuck
10/23/25..... @ hopkins
10-28-25.....@ Potters House

Varsity Cross Country

Info not available at press time

Varsity Golf

08/25/25.....Allegan Jamboree
09/01/25.....@ Milham Park
09/09/25.....@ Eastern Hills
09/15/25.....@ Schoolcraft
09/22/25.....@ Berrien Springs
09/25.....SAC Jamboree

Varsity Swimming

08/27/25.....@ Harper Creek
09/04/25..... @ Hamilton
09/09/25..... vs Sturgis
09/16/25.....@ South Haven
09/23/25.....vs Otsego
09/30/25..... @ harper Creek
10/04/25.....@ Holland Christian
10/07/25.....vs Hastings
10/14/25.....vs Marshall
10/21/25..... @ Plainwell
11/07/25.....@ Harper Creek

Plainwell Trojans

Varsity Soccer

08/15/25.....@Mattawan HS
08/16/25.....@ Otsego Quad
08/20/25 .....vs Marshall HS
08/23/25 ..... vs Pwell Invite
08/25/25 ..... vs Coldwater HS
08/27/25 ..... @Hastings HS
09/03/25 .....@Vicksburg HS
09/10/25 .....@Three Rivers
09/11/25 .....vs Three Rivers
09/13/25.....@ E. Lansing Invite
09/17/25 ..... @ Paw Paw HS
09/22/25 .... @ Edwardsburg HS
09/24/25 ..... vs Sturgis HS
09/25/25 ..... vs Sturgis HS
09/26/25 .....@ Allendale HS
09/29/25 ..... vs Niles HS
10/01/25 .....@ Otsego HS

Varsity Volleyball

08/23/25.. @ Grand Haven Invite
08/25/25.@ Forest Hills N. Quad
09/03/25 ..... vs Hastings HS
09/09/25 ..... @ Kalamazoo Christian .....
09/11/25 .....vs Vicksburg HS
09/13/25 ..... @ BC Lakeview Invitational
09/16/25 vs Plainwell Varsity Tri.
09/18/25 .....@ Three Rivers
09/25/25 ..... vs Paw Paw HS
10/02/25 .... vs Edwardsburg HS
10/09/25 ..... @ Sturgis HS
10/16/25 ..... @ Niles HS
10/18/25.....@ Skyline Varsity Invitational
10/23/25 .....vs Otsego HS
10/28/25 ..@ Coopersville Quad

Varsity Golf

08/21/25.. @ Greater Kalamazoo
08/22/25...@ BC Lakeview Invite
08/27/25 @ Paw Paw Jamboree
08/29/25 ..... @ Hastings HS
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09/04/25 ...@ Otsego Jamboree
09/06/25 . @ MHSAA Pre-Tourn
09/08/25 ..... @ Niles Jamboree
09/15/25 ..... @ Edwardsburg
09/18/25.....@ Three Rivers
09/18/25.@ Vicksburg Jamboree
09/24/25.. vs Plainwell Jamboree
10/01/25.....@ Wolverine Conf.

Varsity Cross Country

09/12/25 ..... @ Ottawa Hills
09/16/25 ..... @ Vicksburg
09/23/25..... @ Sturgis
09/30/25.....Plainwell Jamboree
10/07/25.....vs Otsego HS
10/14/25.....Conf @ Paw Paw

Varsity Tennis

08/22/25 .....@ Kzoo Central
08/22/25 vs Multiple Opponents
08/27/25 ..... @ Pennfield HS
09/03/25 .....@ Vicksburg HS
09/08/25 .....vs Three Rivers
09/10/25 ..... @ Paw Paw HS
09/15/25 .... @ Edwardsburg HS
09/16/25 .....@ Comstock Park
09/17/25 ..... vs Sturgis HS
09/22/25 ..... vs Niles HS
09/24/25 .....@ Otsego HS
10/01/25 ..... @ Conf. at Sturgis

Varsity Football

08/29/25 .....vs Allegan
09/05/25 @ Galesburg-Augusta
09/12/25 .....vs Vicksburg HS
09/19/25 .....@ Three Rivers
09/26/25 ..... vs Paw Paw HS
10/03/25 .... vs Edwardsburg HS
10/10/25 ..... @ Sturgis HS
10/17/25 .....@ Niles HS
10/24/25 .....vs Otsego HS

Varsity Swimming

08/27/25 @ SCC League Relay
09/09/25 .....@ Marshall HS
09/16/25 ....@ Harper Creek HS
09/23/25 ..... vs Sturgis HS
09/30/25 ..... @ Hastings HS
10/07/25 .....vs Otsego HS
10/14/25 .... @ South Haven HS
10/21/25 .....vs Allegan Public
10/23/25 League Make Up Date
11/07/25 @ SCC League Champ
11/08/25 @ SCC League Champ
11/13/25 @ MHSAA Diving Reg

Saugatuck Trailblazers

Varsity Football

08/28/25 ..... vs Buchanan HS
09/05/25 ..... vs Lakeview HS
09/12/25 .....@ Brandywine
09/19/25 ..... vs Coloma HS
09/26/25 .....@ Delton Kellogg
10/03/25 @ Galesburg-Augusta
10/10/25 .....vs Schoolcraft
10/17/25 .....vs Lawton HS
10/24/25 ..... @ Watervliet HS

Varsity Cross Country

08/22/25 ...@South Christian HS
09/10/25 ..... @South Haven HS
09/13/25 ..... @Holly HS
09/20/25.. @Pewamo-Westphalia Invite
09/24/25 .....@Parchment HS
09/27/25 ..... @Allendale HS
10/04/25 ..@Portage Central HS
10/09/25 @ Gilmore Car Museum
10/24/25 ..... @ Regionals
10/24/25 .....@ Portage Central

Varsity Volleyball

08/23/25 .....@Lawton HS
08/27/25 .....@Buchanan HS
09/04/25 .....@Fennville HS
09/09/25 .....vs Coloma HS
09/16/25 .....@Gobles
09/18/25 .....vs Lawton HS
09/20/25 .....@Fennville HS
09/23/25 .....vs Black River
09/25/25 ..... @Watervliet HS
09/30/25 .....vs Martin
10/07/25 .....@Delton Kellogg
10/09/25 .....vs Parchment HS
10/11/25 .....@Coloma HS
10/14/25 ..@Galesburg-Augusta
10/16/25 .....vs Allegan
10/21/25 ..... vs OPEN
10/23/25 .....vs Decatur HS
10/28/25 ..... vs Black River

Varsity Soccer

08/15/25 .....@ Bangor
08/18/25 @ Kalamazoo Christian
08/20/25 ..... vs Constantine HS
08/25/25 ..@ Delton Kellogg HS
08/26/25 vs Zion Christian School
08/27/25 ..... vs Schoolcraft HS
09/02/25 ... @ Libertas Christian
09/03/25 .....@ Parchment HS
09/08/25 .....vs South Haven HS
09/10/25 .....@ Coloma HS
09/15/25 .....@ Fennville HS
09/17/25 ..... vs Watervliet HS
09/22/25 .....vs Potter's House
09/24/25 ..... @ Black Rivers
09/29/25 .....vs Bridgman
09/30/25 vs Our Lady of the Lake
10/01/25 ..... vs Hackett Catholic
10/06/25 ..... @ Allegan

Martin Clippers

Varsity Football

08/21/25 ..... vs Mendon HS
08/28/25 .....vs Bridgman
09/05/25 ..... vs Marcellus HS
09/12/25 .....vs Holton HS
09/19/25 ..... @ Gobles
09/26/25 ..... @ Eau Claire HS
10/03/25 ..@ Muskegon Heights
10/10/25 ..... vs Sacred Heart
10/17/25 .....@ Lawrence Jr.-Sr.
10/24/25 .....vs NorthPointe

Varsity Volleyball

08/26/25 ...vs Tri-Unity Christian
09/02/25 ..... @ Comstock
09/04/25 .....@ Lawton HS
09/09/25 .....vs Allegan
09/16/25 ..@ Delton Kellogg HS
09/18/25 .....vs Parchment HS
09/23/25 ..... vs Galesburg-Aug.
09/25/25 .... @ South Haven HS
09/27/25..... @ Plainwell
09/30/25 ..... @ Saugatuck HS
10/02/25 ..... vs Gobles
10/07/25 ..... vs Black River
10/09/25 ..... vs Schoolcraft HS
10/11/25 ..... @ Hopkins HS
10/16/25 .....vs Fennville HS

Varsity Cross Country

08/15/25.@ Lawrence Jr.-Sr. HS
08/27/25.....@ Rust Buster
09/04/25 ... @ Teske Invitational
09/06/25 ..... @ Fennville Open
09/10/25 .....@ South Haven
09/12/25 .....@ MSU Invite
09/24/25 ..... @ Parchment
09/27/25..... @ Otsego Invite
10/04/25 ..... @ Portage Invite
10/09/25 .....Conferences
10/11/25..@ Bloomingdale Invite
10/17/25... @ US-131 Speedway

Otsego Bulldogs

Varsity Volleyball

08/20/25 ....vs Portage Northern
08/22/25 .....@Coopersville HS
08/26/25 .....@ Unnity Christian
08/27/25 ....@Kalamazoo Christ
09/03/25 .....@ East GR
09/09/25 .....@ Lowel
09/11/25 .....vs Three Rivers
09/18/25 .....@Niles HS
09/20/25 .....@ Huskie Invite
09/22/25 .....@ Mattawan HS
09/23/25 .....vs Otsego Quad
09/25/25 .....@Edwardsburg HS
09/27/25 ..... @ Lakeview-BC
10/02/25 .....vs Vicksburg HS
10/02/25 .....vs Vicksburg HS
10/09/25 ..... @ Paw Paw HS
10/16/25 ..... vs Sturgis HS
10/23/25 ... @ Plainwell Schools
10/27/25 @ Multiple Opponents
10/27/25 ..@Kalamazoo Central

Varsity Golf

08/15/25 ..... vs Otsego Invite
08/25/25 .. @ Sturgis Jamboree
08/27/25 @ Paw Paw Jamboree
09/04/25 ..vs Otsego Jamboree
09/08/25 ..... @ Niles Jamboree
09/15/25 . @ Edwardsburg Jam
09/18/25....@ Three Rivers Jam
09/18/25.....@ Vicksburg Jam
09/19/25 ..... @ M 89 Challenge
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Varsity Cross Country

09/12/25 ..... @ Spartan Invite
09/16/25 ..... vs Edwardsburg
09/16/25 .....vs Three Rivers
09/20/25 ..... @ Calvin College
09/23/25 ..... @ Paw Paw
09/27/25 .....Bulldog Invite
09/30/25 ..... vs Niles HS
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Varsity Tennis

08/16/25 ..... @ Holland
08/19/25 .@ Wayland Union HS
08/23/25 .....@ Hamilton Invite
08/26/25 .....@ Marshall HS
09/03/25 .....@ Three Rivers
09/04/25 @ Thornapple-Kellogg
09/08/25 ..... vs Niles HS
09/10/25 .... vs Edwardsburg HS
09/13/25 .....@ Northview Invite
09/15/25 .....@ Vicksburg HS
09/17/25 .....vs Paw Paw HS
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09/22/25 .....@ Sturgis HS
09/24/25 ... vs Plainwell Schools
10/01/25 ..... @ Conf at Sturgis
10/06/25 ....@ Harper Creek HS

Varsity Football

08/28/25 .....@ Pennfield HS
09/05/25 .....vs Berrien Springs
09/12/25 .....vs Three Rivers
09/19/25 ..... @ Niles HS
09/26/25 .....@ Edwardsburg
10/03/25 .....vs Vicksburg HS
10/10/25 ..... @ Paw Paw HS
10/17/25 ..... vs Sturgis HS
10/24/25 ..... @ Plainwell

Varsity Swimming

08/27/25 .....@ Harper Creek
09/04/25 ..... @ Hamilton
09/09/25 ..... vs Hastings HS
09/16/25 .....vs Marshall HS
09/20/25 .....@ Coldwater Invite
09/23/25 ..... @ Allegan
09/30/25 .....vs South Haven
10/04/25.....@ Holland Christian
10/07/25..... @ Plainwell Schools
10/11/25.....Otsego Invite
10/14/25 ..... vs Sturgis HS
10/16/25 .....vs Wayland Union
10/21/25 ....@ Harper Creek HS
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11/11/25..... @ Holland

Hopkins Vikings

Varsity Football

08/28/25 .....@Fremont HS
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10/25/25 ..... @ Regionals

Varsity Volleyball

08/23/25 .....@Lawton HS
08/27/25 .....@Godwin Heights
09/06/25 .....@BC Lakeview
09/09/25 .....@Hastings HS
09/11/25 .....vs Belding
09/13/25 .....@West Ottawa
09/16/25 .....@Potter's House
09/18/25 .....vs Fruitport HS
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09/24/25 ....@ Calvin Christian
10/02/25 .....vs NorthPointe
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10/11/25 ...vs Switek Memorial
10/16/25 ...vs Kelloggsville HS
10/23/25 .....vs Allegan
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Varsity Soccer

08/15/25 ..... vs Kent City HS
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09/09/25 ....vs Calvin Christian
09/11/25 .....@NorthPointe
09/16/25 ..... @Comstock Park
09/18/25 ...vs Kelloggsville HS
09/20/25 .....@Big Rapids HS
09/22/25 .... vs Berrien Springs
09/23/25 .....@Godwin Heights
09/25/25 ..... vs Cedar Springs

Wayland Wildcats

Varsity Football

08/28/25 ..... @ Waverly
09/05/25 .....vs Sparta
09/12/25 vs Thornapple-Kellogg
09/19/25 ..... @ Forest Hills East
09/26/25 ..... vs Hamilton
10/03/25 ..... @ Spring Lake
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10/17/25 .....vs GR Christian.
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09/04/25.....vs Northview
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09/25/25.....vs Allegan
09/29/25.....@ Northview
10/01/25..... vs West Catholic
10/04/25..... @ Greenville
10/06/25.....vs Wyoming

Varsity Golf

08/22/25.. @ Thornapple Kellogg
08/27/25.... @ Boulder Creek GC
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09/05/25..... @ Hastings
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09/11/25..... @ Comstock Park
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09/19/25.....@ M-89 Invite
09/22/25..... @ Maple Hill GC
09/24/25.....@ Railside
09/26/25..... @ Kenowa HIlls
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Varsity Cross Country

08/22/25.....@ South Christian
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Varsity Tennis

08/19/25.....vs Otsego
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Varsity Volleyball

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Hamilton Hawkeyes

Varsity Soccer

08/18/25 ..... vs Otsego HS
08/20/25 .....vs Holland
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08/27/25 .....vs Unity Christian
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09/15/25 .....@ Holland
09/17/25 ...vs Zeeland West HS
09/22/25 . @ Unity Christian HS
09/24/25 ....vs Zeeland East HS
09/29/25 ....@ Holland Christian
10/01/25 .....vs Spring Lake HS

Varsity Swimming

08/22/25 ..... @ OK Lakeshore
08/23/25 .....@ Northview Invite
09/04/25 .....Hamilton Tri Meet
09/09/25.@ Grand Rapids Christ
09/16/25 ..... vs Spring Lake HS
09/18/25 .....@ Hudsonville HS
09/23/25 @ Holland Christian HS
09/30/25 ..... vs Holland
10/04/25 @ Holland Christian HS
10/07/25 ..@ Unity Christian HS
10/21/25 ....vs Mona Shores HS
10/28/25 .vs Wayland Union HS
11/07/25 ..... @ OK Lakeshore Prelims
11/08/25 @ OK Lakeshore Finals
11/13/25 .....@ MHSAA Diving Regionals

Varsity Volleyball

08/20/25.....@ EK Invite
08/25/25.....@ FHN Quad
08/27/25 ..... @ Cedar Springs
09/04/25 .....@ Spring Lake HS
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09/11/25 ....@ Zeeland East HS
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Varsity Golf

08/27/25 .....@ Clearbrook
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Varsity Tennis

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10/04/25 .....@ Allegan Invite
10/07/25 ..... @ Wayland Invite
10/15/25 ...Hamilton Jamboree

Varsity Football

08/28/25 ..... @ St. Johns HS
09/05/25 vs Thornapple-Kellogg
09/12/25 vs Grand Rapids Union
09/19/25 ...vs West Catholic HS
09/26/25 .@ Wayland Union HS
10/03/25 vs Forest Hills Eastern
10/10/25 .....@ Grand Rapids Christian
10/17/25 .....@ Spring Lake HS
10/24/25 ....vs Zeeland East HS

Fennville Blackhawks

Varsity Volleyball

08/25/25 ..... @ marcellus
08/27/25 ..... vs Schoolcraft HS
09/04/25 ..... vs Saugatuck HS
09/09/25 .....@Black River
09/15/25 .....@ Berrien Springs
09/16/25 .....vs Allegan
09/20/25 vs Multiple Opponents
09/23/25 .....@ Coloma HS
09/25/25 .vs Galesburg-Augusta
09/30/25 ..... vs Watervliet HS
10/02/25 ..... vs Constantine HS
10/04/25.....@ Bloomingdale HS
10/07/25 .... @ South Haven HS
10/11/25 .....@ Switek Memorial
10/14/25 .....@ Bridgman
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Varsity Cross Country

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08/27/25..... vs Constantine
09/03/25.....vs Allegan
09/04/25.....vs Berrien Springs
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09/17/25..... vs Coloma HS
09/22/25.....vs Bridgman
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Varsity Football

08/28/25 .....vs Lawrence
09/05/25 .....@NorthPointe
09/12/25 .....vs Bloomingdale
09/19/25 .....@Bridgman
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Sky Tour zips guests to new adventures

By Gari Voss

Allegan Event opened its newest feature on Monday, August 18, 2025. The structure has been named "Sky Tour" and stands beside the inside ropes course building and above the outside maze and mini-golf features.

Allegan Event Marketing Manager Gerah Dutkiewicz shared, "Allegan Event, West Michigan's premier destination for family fun and adventure, is excited to unveil its latest attraction: the Sky Tour. This thrilling outdoor zipline experience, created for adventurers of all ages, officially opened to the public on August 18, 2025, at the Allegan Event grounds just minutes from downtown Allegan."

The Sky Tour takes adventurers on a cruise that includes ziplines and platforms from which guests can enjoy the scenic views of the Kalamazoo River and forests beyond. Immediately below are the Allegan Event mini-golf course and the colorful maze.

The structure was created in collaboration with RCI Adventure Products and is intended to blend thrilling excitement with family-friendly appeal. The views should be beautiful during the summer and fall seasons.

"The Sky Tour represents everything Allegan Event stands for: adventure, connection, and thrills," said Michelle Liggett, Owner of Allegan Event. "This isn't just about ziplining. It's about giving families a chance to unplug, try something new together, and walk away feeling braver and more

bonded than before. We are so excited to share this new chapter with our community."

Allegan Event is a short destination for those coming from Saugatuck, Holland, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, South Haven, and Paw Paw, plus the smaller Allegan County communities along the way. The design team believes that Allegan Event already offers Michigan's largest indoor ropes course with zip rails, climbing walls, mini-golf, and an outdoor maze. The Sky Tour adds a bold new outdoor adventure to its lineup.

Dutkiewicz explained, "The new Sky Tour is designed for participants of varying experience levels and is fully equipped with state-of-the-art safety systems. Guests will navigate a series of elevated zip tracks and platforms, encouraging them to face fears, support each other, and celebrate small victories together."

Tickets will be available throughout the fall season with options that include the Sky Tour alone, a two-hour Outdoor Combo ticket that includes the Sky Tour, maze, and mini-golf, and a four-hour Indoor/Outdoor combo that gives access to all Allegan Event attractions. For pricing and times, go to www.alleganevent.com, where discounted tickets are available if purchased online.

The week of August 18th, Senior citizens, 55 and older, will receive a special rate to master the middle and high level ropes courses from 10am-Noon Monday - Wednesday. It is a "choose your adventure" type outing with no set path. Seniors often travel the course with their grandchildren, so this is an opportunity for seniors with no children in tow to climb to new heights.

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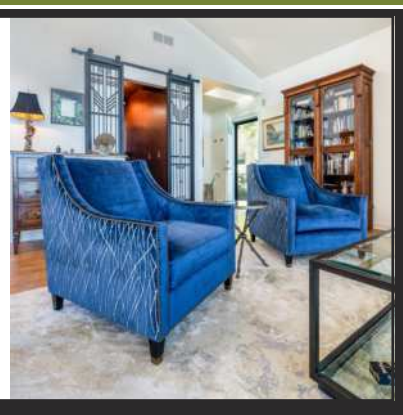

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Clevenger Files for Michigan State Senate Seat

Kenny Clevenger, Allegan County Republican chair, and Casco Township Treasurer, filed 2026 election documents with the Secretary of State, seeking the 20th Michigan Senate seat held by term-limited Senator Aric Nesbitt.

"Michigan residents are suffering. The shifting control of legendary Michigan businesses to out of state, even out of country interests, does not bode well for our future. Losing jobs and investment is a devastating trend. The next legislature needs experienced hands with proven results laser focused on turning this state around," Clevenger said.

Now in his second term as Casco Treasurer, he previously served on the South Haven School Board, and served a term as the President of the Van Buren Association of School Boards during his tenure.

In Republican Party matters, Clevenger rose from Allegan County GOP Secretary to party Chair in 2022, earning reelection in 2024. His reputation for getting results as a capable organizer and fundraiser helped secure his election as "Chair of Chairs" for the State Party in 2024.

Prior to his government and party involvement, Clevenger was the general manager of the Best Buy electronics store in Benton Harbor. He started as a part-time sales associate in his hometown store in Battle Creek before working his way up to General Manager. After that he started and currently runs a small business.

Clevenger emphasizes a deep commitment to family and community. He and his wife, Jaicie, have been married for nine years and are raising six children. The couple also welcomed his 88-year-old grandfather into their home, embracing the value of multi-generational families.

Clevenger at this point is the only declared candidate. He will campaign in a district that spans parts of Allegan, Berrien, Van Buren, and Kent counties, a region known for its mix of small towns, agricultural communities, and growing economic centers.

WMRA "refuels" electric aircraft

By John Raffel
Correspondent

Following the installation of an electric charging station at West Michigan Regional Airport (WMRA) in north Allegan County, the first electric aircraft at the airport was re-charged for continuing flight,"former county Board of Commissioners chair James Storey reported.

"Beta Technologies' Alia CTOL refueled July 29 using the newly installed charging station Storey said. "Beta installed charging stations at four Michigan airports, including WMRA, using a $1 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The plane can accommodate six occupants including two pilots. Recharging the electric craft takes 55 minutes to charge from empty to full, it has a maximum take-off weight of 7,000 lbs. The re-charge costs about $37. It has a range of 335 miles at a maximum speed of 150 Knots.

Another BETA craft has already ferried passengers to JFK International Airport in New York City.

Hydroelectric celebrated in Colorado; Juneau invests

"As silence on the fate of Michigan's long-serving 13 hydroelectric dams, including the Calkins Street Dam near Allegan continues from Lansing, two local communities elsewhere made news recently with their hyrdo dams," Storey said. "Earlier this month Colorado Springs led a tour of local officials and members of the public to the side of a mountain to celebrate the one hundred years the Ruxton hydro plant has been "quietly" powering that city's public utility. While the output is not huge, the utility spoke highly of its reliability and efficiency.

Collectively the utility depends on several hydro plants to supply percent of its electric demand.

"Further West, in Juneau, Alaska, that city and adjacent borough announced plans to build a $240 million hydroelectric damn at Sweetwater Lake that will generate 19.8 megawatts of clean, reliable power. Some of the output is destined to replace diesel generators at a local mine. The project is a joint venture of Juneau Hydropower and Ameresco, Inc. Other beneficiaries of the project which includes new transmission line is to improve reliability of remote communities."

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kerisa F. DeSimone, unmarried and Shawn T. Wabeke, unmarried
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ruoff Mortgage Company, Inc.
Date of Mortgage: November 10, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 28, 2023
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $249,237.72
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence proceeding on the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, North 89 degrees 39 minutes 01 seconds East 258.84 feet; thence on a line parallel with the West line of the Northwest 1/4 Section 29, South 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds East 262.19 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds West 258.85 feet to the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds West 259.38 feet to the point of beginning.
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Common street address (if any): 2797 10th St, Shelbyville, MI 49344-9519
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: July 31, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 A.M., on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Andy Ai, a married man, sole owner, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to Consumers Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated October 30, 2020, and recorded on November 4, 2020, in Liber 4533, on Page 545, Allegan County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars and 41/100 Dollars ($152,317.41) plus accrued interest at 2.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan @ 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 18, 2025. Said premises are situated in the Township of Clyde, County of Allegan, State of Michigan and are described as: The South 208.75 feet of the West 208.75 feet of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 14, Town 2 North, Range 15 West. Commonly: 5159 118th Ave Fennville, MI 49408—Tax Id #04-014-014-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 31, 2025 Consumers Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340
(07-31)(08-28)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Casey Lynn Hill Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 1, 2023 Recorded on August 9, 2023, Liber 4877, on Page 378, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and 62/100 Dollars ($317,153.62) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 33, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds West 129.04 feet along the South line of said Section 33; thence South 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds East 384.70 feet along the East line of said Section 4 to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds East 275.00 feet along said East lines; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds West 363.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds West 275.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds East 363.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2380 54th St, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(07-31)(08-21)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Diana Terpstra, Married Woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: October 24, 2016
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 28, 2016
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $125,033.51
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 175 feet of the East 510.73 feet of that part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 13 West, lying South of the Pere Marquette Railroad and North of the Highway (118th Ave).
Common street address (if any): 3267 118th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010-9211
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 7, 2025
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(08-07)(08-28)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY PROBATE
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE #25-70752
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010
Court telephone no. (269) 673-0300
Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Allegan Community Federal Credit Union
c/o David, Wierenga & Lauka, PC
99 Monroe Avenue, NW, Suite 1210
Grand Rapids, MI 49503 / (616) 454-3883
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
Jacob B. Greendyk (P85544)
DAVID, WIERENGA & LAUKA, PC
99 Monroe Ave., N.W., Suite 1210
Grand Rapids, M1 49503 / (616)454-3883
v
Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Scott Zoll, Annie Zoll, Mamie Wendt Short, Robert K. Zoll, and Mildred L. White, individuals, and any unknown heirs/devisees, successors, and assigns; and all unknown persons having an interest in the subject property; and all occupants, jointly and severally
IT IS ORDERED:
1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to quiet title to property located in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, legally described on attached Exhibit A . You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days after Notice first appears in Newspaper . If you fail to do s0, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Allegan County News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
Date: 7/18/25
Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
EXHIBIT A
That part of Lot 3, Lowes Divisional Map, in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, T2N, R13W, Allegan City, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the intersection of the West line of Airway Drive and the South line of Ridge Court; thence N89°11°00""W 166.56 feet along the South line of said Ridge Court to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing N89°11'00"W 278.97 feet along said South line to the Southwest corner of Ridge Court; thence S00°49°00""W 47.85 feet along the West line of Ridge Court extended Southerly to the North line of Lot 4, Lowes Divisional Map; thence N89°17°40"E 279.15 feet along said North line to the West line of the East 7 acres of Lot 4 of Lowes Divisional Map; thence N00°41'10"E 40.44 feet along the Northerly extension of said West line of the East 7 acres to the Point of Beginning.
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NOTICE OF ACTION AS TO DEFENDANT Any and All Unknown Herirs, Devisees and Assignees of Mary Grady Raymond PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is presently pending in the 48th Circuit Court for the County of Allegan, State of MI, located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010, an action between Plaintiff, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and Defendant, Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Suretta Lacy, Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Joyce Bradford Raymond, Any and All Unknown Herirs, Devisees and Assignees of Mary Grady Raymond, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Victoria C. Lacy and Carolyn Lacy; Case No. 25-70627-CH, involving an action for Judicial Foreclosure. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court seeking Judicial Foreclosure. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the address above on or before twenty-eight (28) days after the date of the third publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Plaintiff's Complaint filed in this case. You may contact and serve a copy of any answer on Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., Attn: Ronald Glaser, 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.
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(08-07)(08-21)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Victoria Harrington
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: May 13, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 20, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $132,917.40
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hopkins, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 2 and 3 of Satterlee's Addition to the Village of Hopkins, according to the recorded plat thereof, Allegan County, Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 411 Selby St, Hopkins, MI 49328-9556
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 7, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Travis R. Berens, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2011 and recorded October 28, 2011 in Liber 3558, Page 369 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Nine and 8/100 Dollars ($96,179.08).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 4, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of Heath, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 35, distant South 00 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds East 767.80 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 35 and proceeding thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds East 330.00 feet along the East line of Section 35; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 34 seconds West 660.00 feet parallel with the South line of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds West 330.00 feet; thence 89 degrees 13 minutes 34 seconds East 660.00 feet to the place of beginning.
2568 38th Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: August 7, 2025
File No. 25-009556
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(08-07)(08-28)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, September 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lucy Lynn Kosiba, An Unmarried Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., its successors and assigns , Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2003, and recorded on September 2, 2003, in Liber 2543, Page 63, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-1 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 15, 2021 and recorded September 20, 2021 in Liber 4672, Page 623, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three and 84/100 ($73,523.84) including interest at the rate of 4.00000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 230 feet of the West 379 feet of the North 620 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 4 North, Range 12 West (89), Township of Dorr, County of Allegan, State of Michigan. Commonly known as: 3929 14TH ST, DORR, MI 49323 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: August 7, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-1 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00496-1
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 04, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Randall Overweg and Dee Ann Overweg, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 21, 2023 Recorded on September 5, 2023, in Document No. 2023012709, Liber 4883, on Page 318, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One and 44/100 Dollars ($288,861.44) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the East half of the Southwest 1/4 Section 16, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Heath Township, Allegan County, Michigan described as beginning at the South 1/4 corner of Section 16 and proceeding thence along the South line of Section 16 due West 233.52 feet; thence along the centerline of an existing road North 05 degrees 28 minutes 57 seconds West 275.10 feet; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 42 seconds East 264.26 feet; thence along the North and South 1/4 line South 00 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 272.31 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 4399 130th Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(08-07)(08-28)

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ROWAN
IN THE GENERAL COUNTY OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 25 CvS 577
ROWAN INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff
vs. CHRISTOPHER BAKER, Defendant
TO: CHRISTOPHER BAKER
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: for an Order requiring the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles to issue titles to the Plaintiff.
You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 6 day th of October, 2025. Upon your failure to do so, Plaintiff, Rowan Investment Company, Inc., will apply the Court for the relief herein sought.
This the 8 day of August, 2025. th
David Y. Bingham
Attorney for Plaintiff
113 West Council Street
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 638-0100
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 18th, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph J. Laroy Married Man and Pricilla Laroy, His Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, dated September 27, 2004, and recorded September 30, 2004 in Liber 2738, Page 108, in Allegan County records, Michigan, and assigned to Household Finance Corporation III by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on November 12, 2008 in Liber 3275, Page 667, and assigned to Household Finance Corporation III by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on April 10, 2012 in Liber 3607, Page 376, and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on February 24, 2014 in Liber 3816, Page 688, and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of the FW Series I Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 12, 2020 in Liber 4461, Page 226, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Seventy-Six and 25/100 dollars ($117,076.25). Said premises are situated in the Township of Otsego, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Lot 5, Oak View Farm, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 15 of Plats, Page 66, Allegan County Records. Property Address: 282 Zak Road, Plainwell, MI 49080 Parcel No.: 17-660-005-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: August 14th, 2025 For more information, please call: (440) 572-1511 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2410006 - Laroy, Joseph J.
(08-14)(09-04)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65769-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Luis Ochen, Jr. Date of Birth:*05-23-1964

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Public Notices

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TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Luis Ochen, Jr., died 06-28-25.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marissa Ochea, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
8-6-25
Marissa Ochea
1351 56th St.
Fennville MI 49408
616-312-8507

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, Michigan starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by Stacey Workman, a single woman, as Mortgagor to United Bank of Michigan, a Michigan banking corporation, dated March 14, 2025, and recorded on April 24, 2025, in Liber 5027, Page 846, Instrument No. 2025006302, recorded in Allegan County Records, Allegan County, Michigan. The balance owing on the Mortgage is $712,724.04 at the time of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 6.875% per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property. The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of that real estate situated in the Township of Allegan, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, described as: Unit No. 31, Riverview Estates Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2457 on Page 438 and re-recorded in Liber 2492 on Page 682 and amendments thereto (if any), and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 189, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in above Master Deed, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. APN #01-555-031-00 Commonly known as: 1663 Fairview Dr., Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCLA 600.3240(8), unless deemed abandoned and then pursuant to the time frames provided for in MCL 600.3241a. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. August 4, 2025 UNITED BANK OF MICHIGAN, Mortgagee PLUNKETT COONEY KELLI L. BAKER (P49960) Attorney for Mortgagee 333 Bridge Street NW, Suite 530 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 (616) 752-4624
(08-14)(09-11)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
In the matter of KATHLEEN ROSE GARRETT
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:* MICHAEL WILSON, BRIANNA ANDERSON, AND TIMOTHY ANDERSON
whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE:*
Lester Fisher intends to request informal appointment as personal representative of the estate of Kathleen Rose Garrett. This notice is being served upon each person whose right to an appointment is prior or equal to my own. The court will not act upon my application until 14 days after the date this notice is publihed. The action you may take includes: 1. Upon paying a filing fee, filing a petition for formal proceedings to appoint a personal representative; 2. Upon paying a filing fee, filing an application for informal appointment of yourself as personal representative provided you have a higher priority to be appointed; or 3. Contacting an attorney for assistance in representing you in any proceeding you wish to file in the court.
Lester Fisher
14285 James St.
Holland, MI 49424
(616) 808-6819

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65770-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Steven A. Holloway Date of Birth:*October 16, 1960
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Steven A. Holloway, died February 9, 2025 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Calvin Holloway, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
8/15/2025
Mark D. Hofstee P66001
3996 Chicago Drive SW
Grandville, Michigan 49418
616.531.7711
Calvin Holloway
5372 105th Avenue
Pullman, Michigan 49450
269.264.0098

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-65765-DE and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Brian Dale Busscher Date of Birth:*February 13, 1962
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Brian Dale Busscher, died July 4, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen S. Busscher, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
Thomas J. Hillegonds P74216
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-1821
Karen S. Busscher
4627 Forest Lane
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 298-9806

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-65768-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Myrna Jean Jacobsen Date of Birth:*September 7, 1940
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Myrna Jean Jacobsen, died June 1, 2025 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Molly E. Mattimore-Monroe , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
August 14, 2025
Brett A. Grossman P63069
PO Box 59
Vicksburg, MI 49097
269-649-3000
Molly E. Mattimore-Monroe
58168 Silvergrass Avenue
Mattawan, MI 49071
269-830-3175

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: JESSICA LYNN SHEFFIELD AND ALBERTO FRANKIE MARTINEZ has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 AT 1:00 PM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: JESSICA LYNN SHEFFIELD to JESSICA LYNN ROELOFS
AND ALBERTO FRANKIE MARTINEZ to ALBERTO ALLAN ROELOFS

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: VERONICA TOWNE has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT 1:00 PM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: VERONICA TOWNE to ISABELLA MARIA GUTIERREZ

ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust
In the matter of the William P. Wroblewski Trust established August 12, 2020, restated May 17, 2024
William Patrick Wroblewski was the grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was September 29, 1964.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, William Patrick Wroblewski, died June 15, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas Woodward, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Jennifer A. DeYoung P55858
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
616-392-1821
Thomas Woodward
2448 138th Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-890-2155

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Aug. 21, 1950

Owners will raze old 'Kellogg House' soon: One of Allegan's historic homes was being wrecked last week.

The "old Kellogg house," which once played an important part in the city's history, was being torn down to allow for expansion of the Grange store parking lot. Also removed were two garages on store property.

The house, which will be moved, was once located where the store itself now stands. When it was moved to make room for construction of the store, it was split up into two houses and placed side-by-side on Cutler street.

Immediately following the fire of 1884, which virtually destroyed the entire business section, the Kellogg house was one of the few buildings left standing. Many businesses which had their stores destroyed took up temporary quarters in the house.

Aug. 21, 1975

Former resident, teacher open Allegan printing service: A former Allegan resident has returned to her hometown to operate a quick printing service in the Beckwith building on Trowbridge Street.

Polly Huitt, who left Allegan in 1949 after high school graduation, and June Peppas, a vocationally-certified graphic arts teacher, opened PJ Quick Printing in downtown Allegan on July 1.

Strictly on off-set printing operation, the women print business cards, letterheads and envelopes, work orders, announcements, or any type of printed matter whose original copy is ready for the camera.

And they fold, cut, pad, collate, staple, or drill bound copies for a nominal additional cost.

The two women say they can reproduce black type, printed documents and most clippings to any size for low cash and carry pries in a short time—from an hour to next day service depending on the job—without sacrificing quality. They specialize in small job printing.

Aug. 24, 2000

Allegan contingent shares in world softball title: Allegan softball players Sadie Deurloo, Jen Goldschmeding and Libby Hammon along with coach Tim Syrek entered last week's Little League Softball World Series as members of a District 2 team in search of its first Series crown.

They left as world champions after District 2 downed Antelope Valley, Calif., 3-0 in the title game on Saturday at Vandenberg Park in Portage.

"It's awesome," Goldschmeding said of the win. "This is the top. We're world champions now."

The championship game was a rematch of District 2's lone defeat in the tournament. The team was handed a heartbreaking 1-0 loss by Antelope Valley on the first day of the competition.

The team embraced the chance to redeem the loss, Syrek said.

"That's the team we wanted because that's the team that had beaten us," he said. "So we wanted not only to avenge that loss, but we also felt it was a good role for this team to be the underdog."

Just as the first game had been, the showdown for the title was a battle of pitching and defense. Through four and a half innings, the game remained scoreless.

Aug. 20, 2020

High school football postponed: Friday nights will be a little quieter around Michigan this fall as compared to a normal year.

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced on Friday, Aug. 14, that it was postponing the 2020 football season until the spring of 2021.

The move comes amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, as football is considered a higher-risk sport for spreading the virus given the level of player-to-player contact involved on each play. The remainder of the fall sports are currently proceeding as scheduled.

The decision to punt on the football season until the spring was not an easy one, but it was the correct one, according to MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl.

"At the end of the day, we did everything we could to find a path forward for football this fall," Uyl said. "But while continuing to connect with the governor's office, state health department officials, our member schools' personnel and the Council, there is just too much uncertainty and too many unknowns to play football this fall.

"No one is willing to take the risk of COVID being passed on because of a high-risk sport. Decisions have to be made on our other sports as well, but none of those carry the same close, consistent, and face-to-face contact as football."

The decision had personal implications for Uyl, a former high school football coach whose son is a senior football player.

"Some would say that this really doesn't hit home, that those of us who are administrators and leaders often make decisions without kids in mind," Uyl said. "I can tell you in this case, the exact opposite is true. I'm not only here speaking to you today as the director of the MHSAA, but as someone who's a parent of a senior football player.

"We've done everything possible to try to find that pathway forward for our football kids this fall. We simply ran out of time to be able to do that as safely as we need to."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

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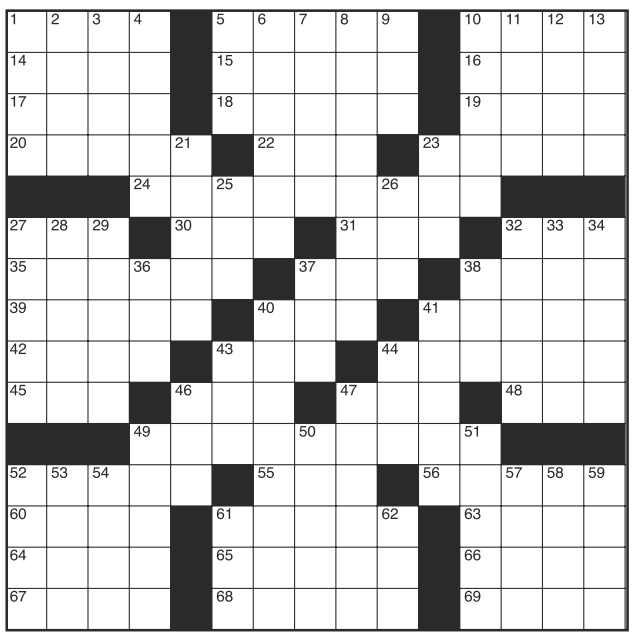

CLUES ACROSS
1. Mongolian politician
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Covers in soft material
16. Walk around
17. Ancient region in Syria
18. French painter
19. Grandmother
20. Cow part
22. Rocky peak
23. Secret plan
24. Sings to one's lover
27. More (Spanish)
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Hat
35. In agreement
37. A person's brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Monetary units
40. Partner to cheese
41. About Sun
42. A place to dance
43. Performer __ Lo Green
44. Beach accessory
45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
46. Partly digested food
47. Pooch
48. Honorific title added to family name
49. Salts
52. Lichens genus
55. Lowest point of a ridge
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Gold measurement
63. Italian seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Mid-month day
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN
1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Publicly outs
5. Steep-sided hollow
6. Spoke
7. General law or rule
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. __ fide: legitimate
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Top exec
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Extract money via taxation
28. Dyes
29. Cloying sweetness
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Chemical compound
36. The bill in a restaurant
37. Car mechanics group
38. Late comedian Newhart
40. Health care for the aged
41. Wise individuals
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Trim
46. Former OSS
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Edible lily bulbs
50. Type of reef
51. Vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. A place to store lawn tools
54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
57. Hollywood pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Take a chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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Deaths

July 21, 2025
KURT JOHN ANTVELINK, 62, Hopkins Twp.
July 26, 2025
DAVID ANDREW VOGT, 57, Salem Twp.
August 2, 2025
STEVEN SWIDWA, 69, Dorr Twp.
August 4, 2025
RICHARD SCOTT KLIFMAN, 49, Lee Twp.
MARCO ANTONIO LOPEZ, 63, Holland
MARIAN FRANCES SMITH, 100, Laketown Twp.
BILL BRODIE HALBERT, 96, Fill MOre Twp.
MARK WAYNE VARNER, 70, Valley Twp.
EDNA MARY FLEMING, 80, Casco Twp.
August 5, 2025
GAIL RANTZ, 79, Wayland Twp.
JONNA IRENE THORPE, 63, Allegan
August 6, 2025
LOIS ANN WHITTREDGE, 92, Wayland
RANDALL GENE TOPP, 74, Cooper Twp
G DANIEL MCNEIL, 76, Monterey Twp.
August 7, 2025
JAMES DENNIS ORR, 87, Leighton Twp.
DANIEL SCOTT CHAPMAN, 55, Gun Plain Twp.
August 10, 2025
ALICE MARIE BOYCE, 89, Martin Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Aug. 5 and Aug. 13:

HANNAH RAE SWEERS, Wayland, and **BRANDON PAUL VILLARREAL**, Wayland
MEGAN MARIE WALKOWSKI, Pullman, and **JOSHUA MICHAEL KING**, Pullman
EMILY ROSE GRAY, Plainwell, and **CHASE MATTHEW DROBNY**, Plainwell
MICHAEL JOHN BAAS, Dorr, and **MCKENNA LEE WILHELM**, Byron Center
LEAH FAITH WEDGE, Saugatuck, and **CHARLES JAMES NOZICKA JR**, Saugatuck
MADALYNN AINSLEY FRANK, Allegan, and **COLIN PHILLIP OAKLEY**, Allegan
CALE KENNETH BEMKE, Wayland, and **KAYLEIGH MICHELLE HULST**, Caledonia
TAMARA KAY TURNER, Pullman, and **MICHAEL PATRICK HITE II**, Pullman
CHRISTOPHER RYANN SINDEN, Allegan, and **MAKAYLA JADE DROLLINGER**, Allendale
TRISHA HELEN FITZJEARLD, Pullman, and **KYLE JOSEPH GILLETTE**, Holland
JAMES PATRICK JONES, Plainwell, and **NANCY LYN MEALEY**, Plainwell
MADELYN ROSE WILLIAMS, Dorr, and **STEVEN JACOB SMITH**, Dorr
ALEX RAY CHAVIS, Pullman, and **SKYE MARIE NICOLE TODD**, Pullman
BREEANA KAY BONNEMA, Wayland, and **KALE GREGORY HAYWOOD**, Wayland
EMILIE JO BROUWER, Hopkins, and **KAYLEE LYNN GOULET**, Hopkins
JENNIFER LYNN HORROCKS, Otsego, and **FAITH MARIE GROSS**, Otsego
BENTLEY MICHAEL MENDEZ, Plainwell, and **SAMANTHA VAUGHTER LANGLEY**, Plainwell
JESSICA JUDITH RASNAKE, Martin, and **DOMINIC LEE JORDAN SPEED**, Shelbyville
BLAKE EVAN STOVALL, Wayland, and **NICOLE KAYLEA THON**, Wayland
LEE KALVIN KUPERUS, Byron Center, and **RACHAEL ANN BOSSE**, Wayland

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RELIGION SECTION

In the first chapter of St Matthew's gospel, we read about Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth just at the time both of them were expecting their first child. After their initial greetings, Mary begins speaking and gives us what we now call the Magnificat. It begins with, "My soul magnifies the Lord."

As a child, I always thought that a magnifying glass or a telescope made small things much larger, so it did not make good sense to me that Mary said she was going to enlarge God. In fact, it seemed dangerously egotistical, or worse, blasphemous.

It took a few years, but I eventually came to understand that Mary was saying that God would use her life as the Mother of Jesus to help people see more clearly the full majesty, power, and glory of the Lord God. That was something that made sense, but it was also a very humbling moment when I realized that is what God does, or at least might want to do, with all of us.

A contemporary Russian philosopher said that a good way to start the day is to spend a few minutes in meditation. He advised us to thank God for his presence in our life, his power, and that we are here to do things that glorify him. Then, he said we should intentionally think of our ancestors and remember their best attributes. These are gifts that, via tradition, are passed on to us. We are to respect them as we follow their examples. That, too, is part of what it means to magnify the Lord God.

With those two things in mind, like a wise builder or craftsperson, we lay out our tools for the day's work. That includes both the objects we will be using, but also our mental and spiritual tools.

The final step before we begin our work is to remember the twelfth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, where the writer tells us we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. However, you or I want to define or envision that cloud of witnesses, the result is the same: We are being watched by others who have hopes that we will say or do something that will lift them up. Sometimes those witnesses seem so close at hand we can almost hear them say, "Well done!" Or at other times, sense a tightening of their lips, a frown, and a disappointing sigh.

It is a challenging load each of us carries as we seek to do God's will, to the best of our ability, in all things. I think we are blessed by the precedents set by such a great cloud of witnesses.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

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Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

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Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

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269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

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4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

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Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

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(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

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Church: 673-9617

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112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

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1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m.,
Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:00 service time.

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcallegan.com

First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

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1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
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323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
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269-694-6085
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Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

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269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

Grace Church of Hamilton
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Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Haven Church
PO Box 1
4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
(269)751-7300
Pastor Mike Drew
FB:havenreformedchurch

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
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Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
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269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

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Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
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www.mersonchurch.org

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Monterey Center, 49328
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793-7288

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5425 105th Ave., Pullman
Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

New Hope Baptist Church
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Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

Northbridge Church
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269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

Northpoint Ministries
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Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
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Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
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10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
410 E. Orleans St.
Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
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Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

Refreshing Springs Ministries
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

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269-672-9904
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229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
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672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

Wayland Community Church
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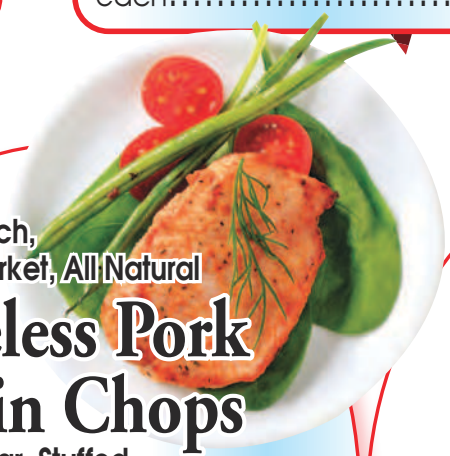

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Thin, Regular, Stuffed,
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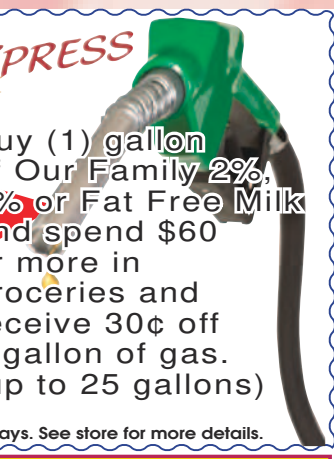

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Wednesday, Aug. 27:
3-Piece Chicken Tenders
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Thursday, Aug. 28:
Pork Chops
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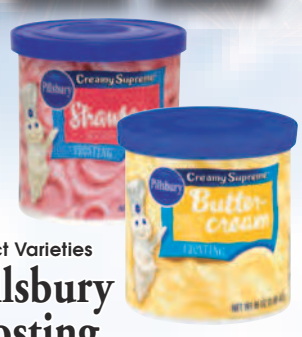

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Select Varieties
Rice-A-Roni or Pasta Roni
4.3 - 7.2 oz.
3/$5
Save at least 84¢ on 3

Select Varieties
General Mills Family Size Cereal
14.5 - 19.7 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $1.30 on 1

Select Varieties
Our Family Applesauce
48 oz.
$2.49
Save at least 80¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Hungry Jack Pancake Mix
32 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $1.58 on 2

Select Varieties
Hungry Jack Syrup
24 oz.
$3.99

Red Vines Original Red Licorice Twists
14 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $2.38 on 2

Cracker Sale

Select Varieties
Kellogg's or Nabisco Snack Crackers
3.5 - 13.8 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 40¢ on 1

Buy 5, Save $5 Sale

Buy Any Five (5) Participating Items In One Transaction and Save $5.00

Mix or Match Any of These Participating Items & Save $1.00 Off Each. (Multiples of 5) Will Scan at Register

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Carving Board or Deli Shaved Lunch Meat
6 - 9 oz.
~~$5.99 - $1.00~~
$4.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Hot Dogs or Franks (16 oz.) or **Smokies Smoked Sausage** (14 oz.)
~~$3.69 - $1.00~~
$2.69 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Basics Lunchables (2 - 4.4 oz.) or **P3** (2 - 3.2 oz.)
~~$2.69 - $1.00~~
$1.69 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Sliced Bacon
16 oz.
~~$7.99 - $1.00~~
$6.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Cereal
Special K, Raisin Bran or Mini Wheats
9.6 - 16.1 oz.
~~$3.69 - $1.00~~
$2.69 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Easy Mac, Deluxe or Velveeta Cups
4 ct.
~~$5.99 - $1.00~~
$4.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Suddenly Pasta Salad
6.5 - 8.3 oz.
~~$2.69 - $1.00~~
$1.69 When You Buy 5.

Kraft Original Mac & Cheese
12 pk., 7.25 oz.
~~$12.99 - $1.00~~
$11.99 When You Buy 5.

Swanson Chunk White Chicken
Regular or Low Sodium
12.5 oz.
~~$3.99 - $1.00~~
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Nabisco Honey Maid Grahams
12.2 - 14.4 oz.
~~$3.99 - $1.00~~
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Jet-Puffed Marshmallows
Regular or Mini
10 - 12 oz.
~~$1.79 - $1.00~~
79¢ When You Buy 5.

Kraft Miracle Whip
Regular or Spoonable
30 oz.
~~$5.99 - $1.00~~
$4.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce
18 oz.
~~$2.49 - $1.00~~
$1.49 When You Buy 5.

A.1. Steak Sauce
Regular or Thick & Hearty
10 oz.
~~$5.99 - $1.00~~
$4.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Classico Pasta Sauce
15 - 24 oz.
~~$3.69 - $1.00~~
$2.69 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Country Time Lemonade Mix
18 - 19 oz. (makes 8 qts.)
~~$3.99 - $1.00~~
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Salad Dressing
14 - 16 oz.
~~$3.29 - $1.00~~
$2.29 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
CapriSun Juice Drinks
10 ct. pouches
(excludes 100% juice)
~~$3.49 - $1.00~~
$2.49 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Chunk Cheese
7 - 8 oz.
~~$3.29 - $1.00~~
$2.29 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Cracker Cut Cheese (6.4 - 7 oz.) or **Shredded Cheese** (7 - 8 oz.)
~~$3.29 - $1.00~~
$2.29 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Cracker Barrel Sliced or Chunk Cheese
8 oz.
~~$3.49 - $1.00~~
$2.49 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Singles
10.7 - 12 oz.
~~$3.99 - $1.00~~
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

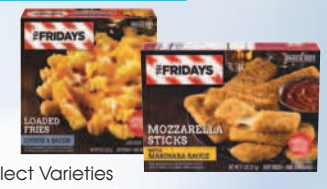
Select Varieties
Kraft Deli Slices
7 - 8 oz.
~~$3.49 - $1.00~~
$2.49 When You Buy 5.

Philadelphia Cream Cheese
8 oz. box
~~$3.49 - $1.00~~
$2.49 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Philadelphia Cream Cheese
7.5 - 8 oz. tub
~~$3.99 - $1.00~~
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kozy Shack Pudding
(6 ct.) or Tub (22 oz.)
~~$3.99 - $1.00~~
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Ore-Ida Potatoes
19 - 32 oz.
~~$4.99 - $1.00~~
$3.99 When You Buy 5.



Select Varieties
TGI Fridays Appetizers
8 - 11 oz.
~~$4.69 - $1.00~~
$3.69 When You Buy 5.

dairy & frozen savings

Hershey's Chocolate Syrup
24 oz.

$3.99

Select Varieties

Edy's Ice Cream
Grand Classic, Slow Churned Light or Slow Churned No Sugar Added Light, 1.5 qt.

2/$7

Save at least $8.98 on 2

Our Family Milk
Whole, 2% Lowfat, Fat Free or 1% Lowfat
64 oz.

$2.29

Save at least 40¢ on 1

Select Varieties

Coffee mate Coffee Creamer
28 - 32 oz.

$3.99

Save at least $1.30 on 1

Select Varieties
Edy's Outshine Bar
6 ct.

2/$10

Select Varieties

Nestlé Drumsticks
(8 ct.), **Toll House Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwiches** (7 ct.), **Li'l Drums** (12 ct.) or **Mini Cone** (20 ct.); or **Häagen-Dazs Vanilla Almond Bars** (6 ct.)

$7.99

Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties

Daisy Regular Sour Cream or Dips
14 - 16 oz.

2/$5

Save at least $1.58 on 2

Select Varieties

Birds Eye Steamfresh Vegetables or Boxed Chopped Spinach
10 - 10.8 oz.

BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

FREE!

Save at least $1.99 on 2

Select Varieties

Marie Callender's Dinner Bowls
10.5 - 13 oz.

2/$6

Save at least $2.98 on 2

Kraft Grated Parmesan
8 oz. **$4.99**

Select Varieties

Pillsbury Cookie Dough
16 - 16.5 oz. ..... **2/$7**

Milo's Famous Tea
Sweet, Unsweet or Zero Calorie Sweet
gallon **$3.99**

Frigo Cheese Sticks
(10 - 12 oz.) or Cheese & Beef Sticks (8 ct.) **$3.99**

DairyPure Heavy Whipping Cream
16 oz. **$3.99**

Dolly Parton or Marie Callender's Pies
21.6 - 42 oz. **$5.99**

Select Varieties

Marie Callender's Pot Pies
10 - 11.7 oz. ..... **2/$7**

Our Family Waffles
10 ct. ..... **2/$5**

Select Varieties

Land O Lakes Spreadable Butter
6.5 - 8 oz.

2/$5

Select Varieties

Yoplait Yogurt
4 - 6 oz.

8/$6

Select Varieties

Brew Pub Lotzza Motzza Pizza, 20 - 26.82 oz.

$5.99

Select Varieties

I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!
Cook & Bake Sticks (1 lb.) or Spray or Tubs (8 - 15 oz.)

2/$6

Select Varieties

Our Family Frozen Concentrated Lemonade or Limeade
12 oz.

BUY ONE, GET ONE

FREE!

Select Varieties

Kodiak Cakes Power Waffles
(8 - 10 ct.), **Breakfast Sandwiches** (9.24 - 10.72 oz.) or **French Toast Sticks** (14.5 oz.)

$4.99

NON-FOOD SAVINGS

Select Varieties
Kingsford Briquets
12 - 16 lb.
$11.99

Select Varieties
Our Family Freezer or Storage Slider Bags
24 - 42 ct.
2/$7

Our Family Plastic Party Cups
50 ct.
$4.99

Select Varieties
Our Family Designer Plates
24 - 48 ct.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Dixie Disposable Plates or Bowls
12 - 50 ct.
2/$7

Select Varieties
Hefty Kitchen Bags
18 - 45 ct.
$8.49

Select Varieties
Vanity Fair Napkins
40 - 100 ct.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Our Family Ultra Bath Tissue
6 - 12 roll
$8.99

Select Varieties
All Liquid Laundry Detergent
(73 - 88 oz.) or
Mighty Pacs (39 ct.)
$13.99

Sparkle White Pick-A-Size Paper Towels
4 ct. double roll
$6.49

Select Varieties
Angel Soft Bath Tissue
6 - 8 ct. mega roll
$6.49

Select Varieties
Purina Dog Chow
18.5 lb.
$16.99

health & beauty and general merchandise

Fall Cleaning Sale

Evercare Extra Sticky Lint Roller
each
$3.99

Select Varieties
Estracell Heavy Duty Sponges
3 ct.
$2.99

O-Cedar Pet Pro with Step on Dust Pan
each
$13.99

Whink Calcium, Lime & Rust Stain Remover
Regular or Calcium Lime
16 oz.
$7.99

Sprayco All Purpose Spray Bottle
32 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
TopCare Nutritional Supplement (6 ct.) or
Whey Protein Powder (16 oz.)
$1.00 OFF Regular Retail

Select Varieties
TopCare Antiseptic Mouthwash
16.9 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
TopCare Ibuprofen
100 ct.
$4.99

PET CARE

Paws Litter Scoop
each
2/$3

Paws 5' x 8" Black Nylon 5" Pet Leash
each
$4.49

Paws Laser Cat Toy
each
$2.79

Paws Tennis Balls Dog Toy
2 ct.
$2.79

Paws Long Hair Plush Mouse with Catnip Cat Toy
3 ct.
$3.49

Paws 12-Inch Loofa Dog Dog Toy
each
$4.29

Paws Rawhide Chicken Chips
1 lb.
$7.99

Paws Natural Pig Ear
each
2/$5

Paws 6-Inch Rawhide Bone
each
2/$5

Paws Multi-Cat Scented Cat Litter
20 lb.
$4.99

Milk Bone Peanut Butter Treats
Regular or with Bacon
4.5 oz.
$3.99

Creative Converting 4" x 6" USA Flag
each
2/$1

Energizer Max AA or AAA Batteries
4 ct.
$6.99

Raid Insect Repellent Fly Stick
2 ct.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Sure Invisible or Original Solid Deodorant
2.6 - 2.7 oz.
$2.99

Select Varieties
Axe Body Wash
16 oz.
$5.99

Select Varieties
VO5 Shampoo or Conditioner
15 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Dial Bar Soap
(3 ct.) or
Foaming Hand Soap
7.5 - 11 oz.
$3.99

Select Varieties
Listerine Mouthwash
1 liter
$1.00 OFF Regular Retail

Select Varieties
Axe Styling Aid
Pomade, Paste, Wax or Texturizing Cream
2.64 oz.
$7.99

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Join Us for Our Annual

Lobster Mania!

– Whole Live Lobsters! –

At Our Allegan Location Only

Saturday, Aug. 30th, 2025

10am - 8pm

While Supplies Last!

Whole Live
1 1/4 lb. avg., each
$13.99

Cooked
(While you Wait)
each
$14.99

Seafood Sale!

Prices Effective: Friday & Saturday
August 29 - 11am - 5pm &
August 30 - 10am - 5pm
Allegan & Decatur locations only.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Chilean Raised
Atlantic Salmon Fillets
$9.99 lb.

Lemons each **3/$2**

Walleye Fillets
$12.99 lb.

Tuna Steak
8 oz.
2/$10

Lobster Tail
4 oz.
$6.99

Tail-On
Jumbo Cooked Shrimp
16 - 20 ct.
$9.99 lb.

Tail-On
Extra Large Cooked Shrimp
26 - 30 ct.
$8.99 lb.

Peeled & Deveined
Raw Shrimp
8 - 12 ct.
$12.99 lb.

Shrimp Cocktail
7 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Salmon Burgers
10 oz.
2/$10